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POLICE OFFICER III+1 LOUIS VILLALOBOS, #16237 METROPOLITAN DIVISION-SWAT 1947 - 2000

Officer Villalobos was born on May 22, 1947, in Sacramento, California. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on August 10, 1970. In September of 1999, Officer Villalobos was awarded the Medal of Valor for his actions in the rescue of an ambushed and mortally wounded police detective.

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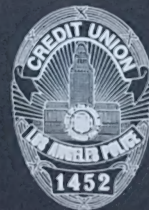
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Actions Breed Hope

At the depths of the Great Depression, when the country was falling apart and there seemed to be no hope for the American experiment of freedom and capitalism, Franklin Delano Roosevelt belted out these immortal words from the steps of our nation's Capitol, "The only thing that we have to fear is fear itself."

The situation in LAPD is very, very grim. The decade of the 90's brought us successive negative media blasts and public outcries over Rodney King, OJ Simpson and now, Rafael Perez. Each episode has left in its wake shattered lives. And even today, there are numerous good police officers, who are sitting at home, wondering why? What did they do? Their only crime was showing up to work at the same time and the same place as Rafael Perez.

But there is a light at the end of the tunnel. We haven't turned the corner yet, but the intersection is ahead and it is visible. We are going to make it. Things are going to get better.

The direction that we have taken as a League, in response to this crisis, has surprised many. Everyone expected us to "circle the wagons" and have an old west stand-off. But we have taken a more appropriate and constructive avenue. The League is not only helping

to rebuild LAPD, we are one of the major forces.

The Board of Directors - Dennis P. Zine, Ken Hillman, Tim Sands, Bob Baker, Mitzi Grasso, Don Lint, Cliff Ruff, and Rick Wells should be thanked and congratulated for their insight and wisdom in leading this organization in order to help individual officers and the organization. The problems are massive. The incoming calls for help are at an all time high. We are working very hard to respond to the needs.

We recognize that LAPD needs to address three main issues: 1. Management Oversight and Accountability; 2. Restore Community Policing; 3. Hire and Retain the Best Officers - that means that we need to have a competitive salary, not a mediocre one; we need a compressed work schedule; we need to improve our pension system and we need to change the 1.28 system to be reasonable and fair.

Let me explain some of the major building blocks that we have undertaken to help rebuild this Department.

Change Attitude of The Thin Blue Line

We have changed the tone of this paper. Yes things are bad, but *The Thin Blue Line* is no longer a litany of negativity. We need to report the good with the bad, but we try to focus on things that you should know that will help your

life - specific articles that explain what is going on and what we can do to make individuals better and to improve the Department that we love.

Communicate with Chief

We strongly disagree with Chief Parks on many key issues. But we have both agreed that name calling is destructive and should not be a part of our professional relationship. We communicate well and frequently. For example, when Mitzi Grasso was misquoted last month, we were able to speak directly to the Chief and explain the misquote and resolve any issue before it was misunderstood.

Board of Inquiry

We cooperated fully with the Board of Inquiry which allowed us to better protect the rights of officers and still help solve the problem. There are many legal and technical issues that we could have raised that would have slowed the process down to a crawl and frustrated the entire procedure. We didn't play those games. We worked with management to help get to the bottom of the problem. In fact, both Deputy Chief Bostic and Chief Parks publicly recognized the League for its help and cooperation in the Board of Inquiry process during a briefing of command/staff officers and the news media respectively. The media would never report that, because it isn't newsworthy for management and labor to work together. Chief Parks placed significance in it by making it his first statement in the huge press conference held on the day the Board of Inquiry Report was released.

Outside Review

The next thing that we did was to commission a panel led by Erwin Chemerinsky of the USC School of Law, to review and analyze the Board of

Inquiry Report. This Perez "thing" is the third "thing" in one decade. We need to figure out what is wrong and correct it. All the poking and prodding that has gone on so far hasn't resolved it. We need to find out what's missing. We need an outside look.

Media Appearances

We have aggressively gone to the media with our message. But since our message doesn't "bleed" it doesn't lead. Nevertheless, we have been on television, radio or in the print media - getting our side of the story out - nearly every day. But let's face it, people don't want to hear about "the little guys." And especially, they don't want to hear about a union unless it is picketing, protesting and disruptive. Controversy, now that's "fun" to hear about. But a union that is strategically and consciously playing a significant role in rebuilding LAPD is - ho hum.

Member Contact

We have a program where Directors are going to roll calls on a regular and systematic basis. We have also have regular contact with those who have been sent home from Rampart. Someone actually cares.

Gathering of the Eagles

We have gathered our panel of attorneys who are involved with the legal representation and the fallout of Rampart. The objectives were "to prevent further liability for the city and the officers we represent by setting our legal defense sights on the real cause of this major scandal - LAPD command and staff officers."

Training Proposal

There are three areas that get most officers into trouble: 1. Use of

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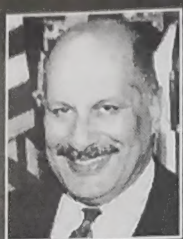
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Valley Officers Volunteer Their Time To Assist Special Olympics

Devonshire Division Sergeant **Danny Mastro** and a multitude of officers from Devonshire, West Valley, Van Nuys, Valley Traffic, the FBI and L.A. School Police all volunteered to serve customers at the West Valley Red Lobster restaurant as waiters and bus boys for the annual Cops and Lobsters Special Olympics fund-raiser. The officers worked hard

little girl, Gaia, and Richard Calvert, a retired Beverly Hills Police Officer. We gave a generous donation to the crew for their outstanding service. Devonshire Division personnel included Lt. **Tom Kirk** and Senior Lead Officer **Sally Barnes** who made us feel right at home.

A few unusual incidents occurred during the annual event. First, a customer walked out on his \$30.00 bill without paying. Sergeant **Mastro** and West Valley Sergeant **Cindy Bronstein** chased the customer to his car and confronted



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Cops & Lobster crew serving WLA Officer Jeremy Sutton and his wife Kimberly and their 5 month old daughter Gaia.



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Valley Bureau officers at Cops & Lobsters Dinner.

serving the delicious food and liquid refreshments. I visited the location for dinner along with West L.A. Officer **Jeremy Sutton**, his wife Kimberly, their

him. Thinking the supervisors were restaurant employees, the fleeing customer stated that he was not going to skip out on his bill. The customer reached into his car and pulled out cash to pay the bill. When the customer realized that Mastro and Bronstein were LAPD personnel volunteering for the fund-raiser, the slippery customer kicked in and he gave a generous donation to the Cops and Lobsters fund-raiser.

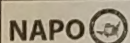
The other incident involved Devonshire Officer **Christian Frus** who waited on a nice couple. Officer Frus really impressed the couple with her demeanor and great service. She received a \$500 tip! Not bad for an inexperienced waitress. While Chief Parks did not serve tables, he gave a generous donation to the fund.

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TIM SANDS, TREASURER

Two Officers Indicted

In April, Officer Eddie Ruiz and former Officer Jon Paul Taylor were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury. The pair face federal charges that they falsely claimed a man had a gun. I have been involved with this case from the beginning, when administrative charges were first served on Officer Ruiz. I was Officer Ruiz's representative, as was Sergeant Denny Pelch and Attorney Darryl Mounger. Officer Ruiz at his Board of Rights was found not guilty of falsely claiming the suspect (Victor Tyson) had a gun. Officer Ruiz was found guilty by only a majority (two Captains) of the Board for false and misleading statements. A minority opinion was given by the civilian on the Board of Rights for **not guilty**. The alleged false statements were that Officer Ruiz observed a broken window which suspect Tyson was standing by, which was the Officer's P/C to detain Tyson. The two Captains felt the window was not broken based on testimony from the owner of the building.

However, physical evidence showed the window was, in fact, broken at some point in time. As we are well aware, if you are found guilty of false and misleading statements you are normally terminated. However, in this case, Officer Ruiz only received a 22-day suspension. **Do you think they felt Officer Eddie Ruiz was really guilty?** Chief Parks felt

the penalty was too lenient and Officer Ruiz has been on administrative duties since the Board of Rights.

Myself, as well as my fellow Directors, will not, and do not condone corrupt cops. However, we feel you find someone guilty based on the evidence, not speculation, imagination, guesswork, supposition. Are these federal indictments happening because of the Rampart scandal? I can't prove that. However, I find it suspicious that it took over four years to bring the indictment forward. The Los Angeles Police Protective League is supporting Eddie Ruiz in his litigation of this matter. I have also been in contact with Officer Ruiz and as you can expect, he and his family and children are going through some hard times.

If you would like to give some words of support for Officer Ruiz, write me at the League:

**Los Angeles Police Protective League
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I will forward the letters to him. (Note: Jon Paul Taylor left the Department during the original investigation.)

Workers' Compensation Issues

I received this letter from Attorney Alan Marenstein. I found it informative and I

hope it will assist you in dealing with the city regarding your work comp issues.

GETTING WORK COMP BENEFITS IS FIGHTING CITY HALL

by Alan B. Marenstein

To understand why receiving work comp benefits (even in undisputed claims) can create problems, you need to know how we got where we are today. A number of years ago the City Council decided to hire an outside agency to manage workers' compensation claims for fire and police personnel. This outside agency called a third part administrator operates in the same fashion as an insurance company.

The benefits which are state mandated remain the same, the administration for providing those benefits has changed dramatically. The administrators prime directive is to limit, deny and reduce the payment of benefits for both disability and medical to the injured employee. When the decision-making power over workers' compensation matter was in the hands of the Medical Liaison section and the personnel departments of workers' compensation; the city had a strong interest and an unwritten policy to ensure that injured employees received the best care available. (This was obviously in the city's interest)

High quality medical care would result in employees returning to duty sooner, feeling more positively toward their employer (and less likely to litigate) and reduce overall costs.

Today, injured employees are usually sent (unless you have pre-designated a doctor) to a so-called industrial clinic. These clinics are chosen and selected for their compliance with the administrators' goals:

- 1) To aggressively see that the injured employee gets back to work ready or not;
- 2) To minimize care and diagnostic tests to contain medical costs;

- 3) To supply the administrator with reports that are favorable to them and in support of their objectives.

The administrators are not fellow city employees. They have little or no knowledge of what your job requirements are, know little or nothing about the law, and they are concerned only with saving workers' compensation costs.

A recent case illustrates the problem. A 30-year police officer was off duty on I.O.D. due to orthopedic injuries and was taking part in a rehabilitation therapy program. This program consisted of his working out on a treadmill. While on the treadmill he sustained a massive coronary attack. The claims adjuster called the employee within a couple of weeks and told him that the claim is being rejected because the injury occurred on the treadmill.

Obviously, the adjuster was unaware of Labor Code Section 3212, a code section which makes heart trouble prospectively IOD; or case law making injuries occurring during rehabilitation compensable; or even the mandatory rules of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board which require at the minimum that a denial be made properly and based in this case on an expert medical opinion.

This callously incompetent action caused the injured officer additional stress, which he hardly needed.

When the Protective League protested to the supervisor of the claims adjuster they were told that their adjusters don't make bad judgements!

Even in accepted cases where the officer is able to go to their own doctor, the third party administrator tries to micro manage the medical care by hiring another organization to send a nurse practitioner to accompany the employee on doctors visits. The stated purpose of this sidekick nurse is to

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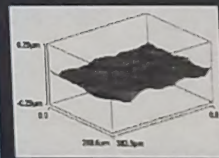
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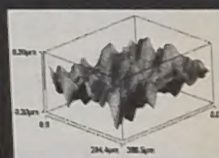
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BOB BAKER

One of the many duties of a League director is to serve on-call during specified times to be there to respond to the needs of Protective League members and their families around the clock. On March 17, 2000 I was on-call. At approximately 6 p.m., I received the one call no one wants to answer; a police officer had been injured. The call came from the Metropolitan Division desk. Police Officer III+1 Louis Villalobos, a tenured squad leader with Special Weapons and Tactics, had been involved in a training accident at the Marine Corps Base at Camp Pendleton. It was unknown at the time the extent of Louie's injuries as he was being trans-

ported to Scripps Memorial Hospital. First reports deemed his injuries as serious but that he would be okay. Two hours later, I was summoned to the hospital, as his condition had worsened. The following morning, Louie's passing shocked us all. He meant a great deal to me and those who knew him as a friend and colleague. He was also a devoted family man, and served the Department and the City of Los Angeles for almost 30 years with dedication, honor and integrity...a legacy we should all strive to achieve. He will be greatly missed.

We all know that the profession we chose is a dangerous one. Citizens believe the only danger we face is when we are on

patrol or encountering a criminal. To some, being a SWAT officer is being invincible. Louie was the first officer to die in a training accident in the almost three decades SWAT has been in existence. No one can predict when life will end. And, when it does come, will your loved ones be taken care of in the weeks and months and years after your passing? What will happen to your estate? Will your final wishes be honored?

For many of you, I know, the answers to these questions are, "I don't know" and "I have no idea." The majority of the officers I have talked to since Louie's passing, have no financial plan in life or death whatsoever. Did you know that a substantial amount of your personal wealth will disappear through probate if you do not have a will or living trust? That's money coming out of your family's livelihood. And, will your final wishes of how your personal treasures be distributed be properly honored? These are tough questions that you need to answer right now while you have the opportunity to do so.

Financial independence and security can be accomplished through careful financial planning. Financial planning involves investment planning, estate planning, income tax planning, tax shelters, pension and profit sharing programs, employee benefit analysis, executive compensation packages, corporate feasibility studies, business continuation plans and charitable giving programs, to name a few. A financial plan can provide an in-depth analysis of your present situation, future objectives, and the cost of achieving future projected financial goals in the ever-changing nature of our economic environment. It can also simplify your financial affairs to enjoy the "golden years" more. And most importantly, financial planning will guarantee that your wishes will be carried out if you become incapacitated or die.

An LAPPL member I worked alongside and his spouse shared with me, after meeting with a Certified Financial Planner and Estate Planning Attorney three years ago, they have become financially independent and are now prepared for any eventuality. They have increased their personal wealth substantially, each year they save over 30% of their income, and they have made substantial gains in investments, the stock market and deferred compensation. Their Certified Financial Planner regularly updates them on changing tax laws, fluctuations in market rates, and other situations, which could affect financial planning. And, most importantly, upon the death or incapacitation of either spouse or both of them, they are secure in knowing their assets, right down to their personal effects, will be distributed according to their wishes and not somebody else. This is the peace of mind everyone should have.

Many of us, I know, will wait until we meet with a retirement counselor or attend a retirement seminar before getting off our duffs to start financial planning. The time to involve yourself in financial planning is right now. The Department has published a checklist regarding financial affairs and is available to you. In addition, I can point you to officers who have been very successful in their financial planning, who can provide resources for your consideration.

MOU Update

The Negotiating Team has been at the bargaining table since April 4, 2000. Progress has been made as I write this update. The process is long and time-consuming. Please be patient and do not listen to rumors. The Negotiating Team is forbidden to go into the details of the discussions. When there is something to report, your League President will report those facts to you.

Please stay safe out there!

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WORKING TOWARD OUR FUTURE

MITZI GRASSO

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"

~ Philosopher George Santayana

As I read the daily bashing of our department by the press, I can't help but draw the analogy between the public conviction of the officers, directly or indirectly involved, and the Communist witch hunt conducted in the 1950's by then Senator Joseph McCarthy. Like the McCarthyism of the 50's there is a pervading sense of "guilty until proven innocent" and just like the environment of the early 50's the mere utterance of a possible accusation, an otherwise outstanding officer's career is turned upside down and ruined by the infamous Rafael Perez, a self-proclaimed "Serpico." What continuously amazes me is that upon discovery of this controversy, the instant flight from the department support system by the politicians and many department leaders in order to cover themselves and the immediate "finger pointing" in order to distance themselves from responsibility.

Joseph McCarthy was basically a sleazy bully. He ruined the careers of hundreds of innocent men and women to advance his own cause. However, for all the suffering he caused, not to mention the all pervasive fear in many circles of being unfairly associated with

Communism which he indirectly gave birth to, throughout his entire senatorial career, he was never once able to directly convict a single suspected Communist of a crime.

Like McCarthy, Ray Perez is also a sleazy bully, one who acquired a badge, and used the power behind that badge to advance his own self interest. When his defense began to crumble, he, like McCarthy, discovered that by pointing the finger at others, he could capitalize upon its momentum. The department is behaving like a trained puppy. Perez points, they jump. The politicians continue to angle for the best position in the public eye, refusing to take a controversial position supporting the 9,300 honest, hard-working members of the department. The citizens of Los Angeles, like the American public of the 50's are eating up the scandal with relish. The more Perez points the finger, the less time he spends in jail until our department is rife with an atmosphere of fear, to the point where officers without retribution from suspects or the department. Like the McCarthy era these accusations are not coming to fruition, as of today's date, 4/11/00, not a single criminal case has been filed against an officer due to allegations made by Perez.

What is almost more surprising is people seem to forget what Perez is, a convicted felon. Furthermore, they

seem to fail to acknowledge what his behavior pattern is, he stole cocaine, for sale and profit, and set up two young officers to take the fall if he was caught. When he was caught, he systematically sets up practically every other officer he has ever come in contact with in order to save himself. I believe our department calls that "pattern of conduct." Perez, in his speech before the judge on his day of sentencing stated, "I did the wrong thing for the right reason." Since when is stealing drugs and selling them for personal profit under the color of authority the right reason for anything?

It is clearly the time for the department to step up to the plate, and tell the people of Los Angeles "remember how Perez lied about all those people he put in jail? Well guess what, he's lying here too!" Instead of making a number of good, hard-working officers scapegoats, to give the appearance that the department is being cleaned up, point out that Perez is not the "tip of the iceberg", but THE ICEBERG ITSELF! And Chief Parks, since you are clearly one of the strongest leaders this department has had in years, isn't it time to say to Perez, "you have done enough?"

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HEROES WALK AMONG US

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Heroes walk among us, for such a short time. Police Officer III+1 Louis Villalobos was one of those heroes. I did not know Officer Villalobos, all I know of him is what I have read or heard about him. For that, I have much less to grieve than those who worked with him and knew him personally. Just the same all of us have suffered a tremendous loss. From my observations, Louis Villalobos embodied everything that we, as Los Angeles police officers, should aspire to be. He was a man that truly loved his country and was a decorated Marine who put himself in harm's way so that fellow Marines might live. As a Forward Observer he couldn't get much closer to the enemy and it was his heroic efforts to direct fire on the enemy that allowed many Marines to come home. Louis Villalobos was no less heroic as a Los Angeles police officer, receiving the Medal of Valor in an attempt to rescue a mortally wounded officer. No, I never knew him, but I wish I did. Your brothers in "D" Team wrote a great goodbye to you, and from me, Goodbye Devil Dog, I hope to meet you some day. In the Marine Hymn it is said that the streets of Heaven are guarded by United States Marines. I'm sure the people on Louis Villalobos' street are safe tonight. The next time you are at work, look around and take tremendous pride that you have the opportunity to work with some of the most courageous, heroic individuals that

the world has to offer. Take the time to get to know them. Don't let a tragic accident make you wish that you had known them.

Chief Apologizes

Chief Bostic apologized to all the officers that he may have offended. The Chief told me that he had pointed the finger at management when he made statements about mediocrity. And the statement about not being able to trust the integrity of our officers was meant to be that we can't trust every single individual on the Department. He went on to say that he also thinks that a double standard does exist and that it is wrong. We have invited Chief Bostic to come to the next Delegates meeting and speak to the Delegates and he has accepted. We look forward to seeing him there and hearing what he has to say about the Board of Inquiry. With all that said, thank you Chief, for having the strength of character to make an apology and then come to our Delegates meeting and speak. I may have misjudged you, and I apologize for that.

Blue Ribbon Campaign

On May 1, 2000, we will be starting a Blue Ribbon Campaign to support LAPD. We have been given approval to wear the blue ribbon pins on our uniforms. The pins will be given out soon, please wear them. We are also selling

them on our web site for \$1.00 each with the proceeds going to our Eagle and Badge Foundation. The Eagle and Badge Foundation is the organization that helps pay for scholarships for officers' children and contributes to charities throughout Los Angeles. If you know anyone that would like to participate in this campaign to show support for the great men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department tell them to go to www.lapd.com and purchase their pins.

Compressed Work Schedule

I have received numerous phone calls regarding the Compressed Work Schedule. The most asked question that I get is, "how did CWS get credit for the Rampart Scandal?" Good question, no answer, especially since Rampart CRASH, NEVER worked CWS. Most other agencies in California do work a compressed work schedule and they don't seem to have problems with corruption as a result of the compressed work schedule. I'm not sure if City Council bought it when it was represented to them that "the compressed work schedule contributed significantly to the Rampart Corruption Scandal." I certainly hope that they don't believe that, however it was a great attempt to deceive the entire City Council in one fell swoop. The facts are that the CWS saves millions of dollars per year. It allows families to spend more time together. Yes, if you worked CWS, you might get to watch your kids grow up, not just make it to their graduation. You might re-

establish a relationship with your husband or wife that had been strained as a result of our current work schedule and. God forbid this to happen - you might even be a happier employee. Let's not look beyond what this is all about. You have all heard the saying, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" and "what's in it for me." Well, management is entrenched in the status quo and there is nothing in the CWS for them. So you suffer as a result of management's unwillingness to adjust to new and better ideas that would truly benefit the Department and the community that we serve. Don't be misled. The compressed work schedule is a **major** reason that we can't attract or retain officers today and I'm sure that will remain the same in the future. Old dogs had better consider learning new tricks, and what's in it for them is a better, more efficient Department that they can be proud of. Change is normally not an easy thing for any organization to go through yet it is essential for the organization to constantly improve itself, and in the process, give better service to its customers. Our customers are the citizens of Los Angeles. Is anyone concerned about the pending lawsuits stemming from Rafael Perez? We will most likely not see any money paid out for four to five years. In four or five years the compressed work schedule would save most if not all of the money necessary to pay for those lawsuits. Money talks. I'm sure people are listening now. Be safe.

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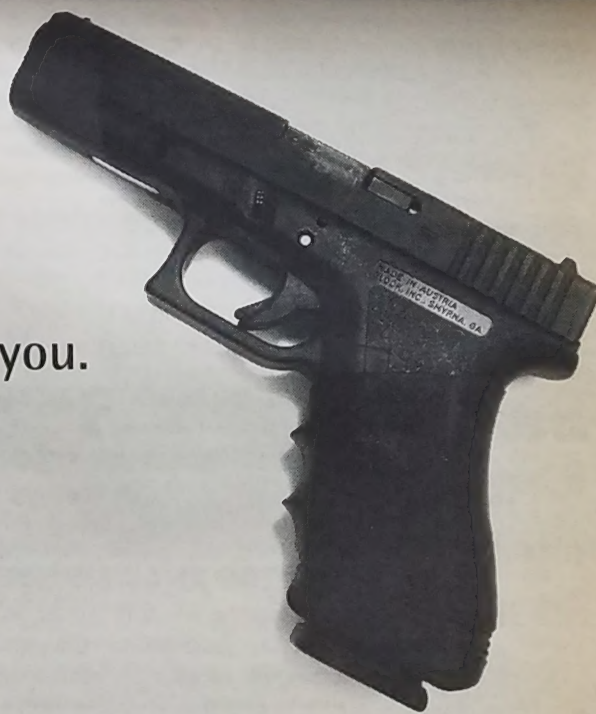
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

—John Donne

You were new to police work back then. Just barely off probation. Yet, you worked a fast-paced gang infested division that gave you a crash course in getting acquainted with crime. At that time, the gangs were out of control and you had plenty of patrol experience as to what that meant. Like the time you got a call to meet the rape victim at the hospital. She was beaten bloody and had been raped by four members of the local street gang for an entire night after a party. Another time you had the misfortune to be right on top of a drive-by shooting. A gang car had sprayed bullets into a rival gang's house party. You got there at the same time as the ambulance. A four-year-old girl was lying in a pool of blood, dead. You had to help force the screaming relatives back so the ambulance crew could get to the girl. Gang violence had a special meaning to you after that.

It was at the drive-by shooting that you first saw the CRASH officers. When they arrived they efficiently moved through the crowd of witnesses, asking questions and taking notes. It was clear that you were watching a different level of police work. They disappeared and a few hours later you heard through the grapevine that they had the suspects in custody. So, a year later, when you were asked to go to CRASH for a one month loan, you jumped at the chance.

The first week you spent reviewing Intelligence Cards and generally being lectured on the basic gang situation in your area. Then you went out as the third person in a gang car. You felt fortunate because you were going out with one of the most experienced teams. It was clear that you were the tag-along in the back seat as the car cruised through the gang area. Suddenly, the car pulled to the curb. A male suspect took one quick look in the direction of the car and ran into a building. The CRASH team was right on him. By the time you got into the building, they had the suspect stopped on a landing. You could tell they were playing Mutt and Jeff with him. The big officer towered over the suspect

and growled at him while the smaller officer pretended to be trying to calm the bigger officer down. The bigger officer was demanding to know where the suspect's dope connection was. To your shock, the bigger officer pushed the suspect into the wall and threatened him with a fist. The smaller officer kept telling the bigger officer to take it easy. The suspect was clearly being intimidated by all of this. He started talking. He talked about other gang members that the officers clearly knew. Finally, the bigger officer pushed the suspect back against the wall again and told him that if he warned anybody, they would be back to take him out, whatever that meant.

The rest of the evening was a blur of activity. A short car trip to a residence. A knock at the door. The two officers entered a crowded apartment. You followed and did security on the gang members while the two officers searched. They came up with ten rocks of cocaine and a .38 revolver. More interrogations and soon two of the gang members were in handcuffs and you were en route back to the station with the prisoners.

At the station, again you were the babysitter while the two officers functioned like a well-oiled machine completing the reports, getting the approvals and finally booking the evidence and the suspects. You went home that evening, your head still in a whirl. You had a million questions, including some serious misgivings about how the informant had been pushed into the wall. But the biggest shock of all was the next day when you read the arrest report.

There wasn't anything in the report that you could directly refute, but the information from the informant was not there. Words were said at the front door that you did not hear and, once inside, other things were in the report that you did not see. You thought that maybe it was because of your inexperience that you had missed some of those things, but you doubted it. You also realized that the arrestees would eventually get

the report and, if they could figure out from the report who had informed on them, the informant was dead. This was a new level of seriousness that you were not used to.

It was the only time in the month loan that you worked with these two officers; the rest of the month was spent with all the different teams. There were no more informant encounters, but there were many arrests. Each time you looked at the reports before you went home. Each time these reports were accurate down to every fact. You decided that the previous situation was restricted to that first team of officers and maybe that had been just an unusual night.

You considered going to a supervisor and reporting the rough treatment of the informant and your concerns about the report, but by the time you came to the conclusion that maybe that was what should be done several days had passed. You then realized that no matter what the outcome of the investigation, your career would also be trashed. Under Department rules you had "failed to report misconduct" in a timely manner. Besides, these two officers were seasoned, respected officers and you were the "boot." Unknown. Untried. Untrusted. Both of the officers were also liked by their supervisors. No other team made more arrests or took more guns off the street than they did. And, if the full truth were known, you also feared for your reputation among your fellow police officers. What would they think if you made a complaint against senior officers? Yes, if the full truth were known, these thoughts also had their effect.

That was over four years ago. The lesson was valuable to you. You had seen police work done the right way and the wrong way and you had made the decision to do it the right way. You are now a training officer and you go out of your way to instill the new officers you train with the reasons to do police work the right way. You are aware that human beings make mistakes, learn, change course and improve, both as human beings and as police officers. You realize that everyone is a work in progress.

You had almost forgotten about your CRASH tour until this morning. This morning you had received a call from the Rampart Task Force. They want to interview you about your one-month tour and about one of the arrests you participated in during that tour. You have little doubt as to which one. What now?

Mapping the Ground

Our fictitious officer has been thrust into a landmine field by the current high level interest in the "Rampart" problem. There are three broad types of landmines; administrative landmines, civil landmines, and criminal landmines.

All of the landmines are triggered by false statements. So the first piece of advice for those starting through the landmine field is to avoid saying anything that can be construed as a false and/or misleading statement. False and misleading statements have a way of turning into criminal perjury when made in Boards of Rights, depositions, civil trials and criminal trials.

Administratively, the Department still has the "no mercy" view on failing to report misconduct. This is short-sighted if anyone really wants to get to the bottom of the barrel in this investigation.

Be that as it may, failing to report misconduct is survivable, where false and misleading statements are not.

Civily, unless you are one of those "sent home" by the Department, it is likely that the City will represent you if a lawsuit is filed as the result of an arrest that you were involved in. DO NOT make any statements to the City Attorney or his investigators until you have received assurance that they are YOUR ATTORNEY. There is no attorney/client privilege for those statements unless you are actually being represented by the City Attorney. If you are being interviewed as a witness, your statements may be able to be used against you for all purposes.

Criminally, your best protection is to make sure that you are being administratively compelled whenever you make a statement. Well, if you haven't committed a crime, what difference does it make? Take our fictitious officer's story above for an example. Conspiracy is being bantered around by both the District Attorney's Office and the U. S. Attorney. Without getting too technical, conspiracy is the agreement of two or more persons to commit a crime and an overt act taken in that direction by one of the members of a conspiracy. Pick your crime in the above scenario. False crime report? Violation of civil rights? Battery? False arrest? Consider the position of the officer that failed to report the misconduct. Although this officer silently disapproved of what he saw and believed may have happened, let us suppose for a minute that the arrest report was proven false. It would appear to the trier of fact that all three officers participated in the arrest. This is a sample of one of the jury instructions that could be read to a criminal jury.

"The formation and existence of a conspiracy may be inferred from all circumstances tending to show the common intent and may be proved in the same way as any other fact may be proved, either by direct testimony of the fact or by circumstantial evidence, or by both direct and circumstantial evidence. It is not necessary to show a meeting of the alleged conspirators or the making of an express or formal agreement." CALJIC 6.12, emphasis added.

In our example, there may be circumstantial evidence of an agreement and there are certainly several overt acts taken by the other officers. In today's atmosphere, it might be entirely possible for our officer to be charged with and convicted of a crime. How is that for a landmine? In a criminal case, the only downside of a compelled statement is that it cannot be used directly against the officer in a criminal prosecution. If that little fact bothers the investigator, that should be warning bells for you.

There has been an atmosphere encouraged by the Department of a war on crime in the past years. Those officers who have stepped over the dead bodies of four-year-old victims and transported semen samples laced with the blood of rape victims did not have any trouble believing that a war was in progress. Now, all of a sudden, the gang members are the victims. Now that the streets of Rampart again belong to the citizens, the previous battle is being audited. The battle casualties are far from being over.

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Force; 2. Emergency Vehicle Operations; 3. Communication/Interpersonal Relationships. If you have ever heard Gordon Graham speak, you know exactly what I am talking about. The objectives of our training proposal are "to prevent further liability for the city and the officers" by focusing in on the training to resolve problems before they occur. Our training proposal focuses on the critical problems and corrects them by teaching and ensuring that every police officer understands the policies, procedures and techniques needed to resolve those critical incidents that we face everyday.

The proposed course, called the Advanced Officer Leadership School, has benefits to the officers who attend. Not only will the information be relevant, it will be presented in an interesting fashion by instructors who have been specifically trained in the curriculum and in how to present it. There is nothing worse than 24 hours of boring training. It also has benefits to the city and the Department, including reimbursements to the agency for presenting the school and salary reimbursements to the agency for officers who attend the school. We plan to present this to POST for statewide application.

College Day

We have held College Day three years in a row now, and hundreds of our officers have returned to college as a direct result. Education typically leads to improved knowledge, skills and abilities. Education provides avenues for promotion and better pay.

Legislation

We have been responsible for spearheading legislation that needs to be passed, such as making it against the law to plant evidence, making sure that felons can't possess body armor, etc.

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supervise medical care. But, the real intent is to challenge and control medical costs. This action is taken to protect the City, obviously not the injured employee.

This procedure can be avoided if the injured employee protests!!!!

The injured employee often feels abandoned by the department in their time of need. The truth is the department is powerless to help. Their fates are in the hands of outside contractors.

The whole system is flawed by design as a benefit delivery system, the system is by design an adversarial system.

You must know the rules of the game to protect yourself. You should always get professional guidance. The important rules are as follows:

1) You should always pre-designate a treating doctor. You may do this by naming any doctor who has seen you at least once and notifying the department in writing as well as the third party administrator with the name of the doctor you select. This doctor will have the power to bring in appropriate specialists. You should

Upward Feedback

Rating the captains was originally scoffed at by upper management as a "union ploy." But the upward feedback to management has helped to identify one of the major problems at LAPD and to verify management's "mediocrity." The first step to "recovery" is recognizing the illness. And while no one wants to beat themselves up with their failures, particularly when it is public as in the *Blue Line*, the results of those failures are also very public - King, OJ and Perez incidents. But in the past, rank-and-file officers have been the scapegoats.

In addition, rating the captains has given officers the ability to "tell it like it is" without fear of reprisals. Kind of a relief valve. We are working on a methodology to evaluate commanders and above as well.

Janitors Strike and More Pay

Most Divisions have had some contact with the Justice for Janitors strike. The janitors are mostly Spanish speaking immigrants from Mexico and Central America who do a job that none of us would want to do. All they want is the same things that we all want - a better life for ourselves and for our children. And they are out there demonstrating for and additional one dollar per hour.

I have met with Mike Garcia, the president of the local union, and offered my help to have the strike settled - to help them get a raise. **But I made it very clear that my main concern is the safety of LAPD officers.** I don't want the janitors to create a situation which may result in injury or harm to a police officer.

We believe that the connection we have made with them will not only protect LAPD officers from unnecessary exposure to injury and 1.28's, it will help build solidarity within the labor movement - it will help us in the long run to get a raise. Not just this contract, but contracts in the future.

also never use an HMO as your pre-designated doctors for reasons that are too numerous to go into in this article.

2) You should have a treating doctor whose interest is exclusively your welfare. The treating doctor under workers' compensation law is presumed correct in deciding type of treatment that you may need. The doctor is also presumed correct in deciding what if any duties you are fit for and capable of performing and when they can be performed. If the third party administrator unreasonably refuses to approve the recommended course of treatment they can be subjected to penalty sanctions.

3) You don't need a nurse administrator and are generally far better off without one.

4) If you don't pre-designate you are entitled to choose your own doctor after 30 days. You may change doctors more than once if necessary.

Remember that the administrator is hired to do a job, that is to control costs, not protect your interest. You or your representatives must protect your health and your future job security.

Take Care and Be Safe.

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The grand total for the two-day event was nearly \$13,000. As of press time, this is the largest total for the entire country. Congratulations to all personnel who volunteered for this worthy annual event.

And They Keep Leaving

I recently received the latest Department statistics on the alarming attrition rate. As of April 9, 2000, the Department had a total of 9301 sworn officers on the payroll. The Department's authorized strength is 10,045! The Department's national recruitment efforts to attract 744 candidates should serve to wake up city leaders. Why are officers leaving? The reasons are very simple. No compressed work schedule, an unfair disciplinary system, inferior pension program and a very hostile work environment.

Your Board of Directors is working to correct these problems with the current contract negotiations. Hang in there as we proceed forward. I will regularly update you on the Department's recruitment efforts.

Revolving Training Fund

The City Council approved additional funding for the Department's revolving training fund. The fund is now established at \$1.5 million. The Department will be publishing specifics on this program in the near future. If you participated in our annual College Day and intend to return to school, limited funding will be available in the future. It will not be available until after this July when the new budget kicks in.

City Hall: Mayoral Candidates Debate Their Vision For Los Angeles

Launching their bids to become the next mayor of the City of Los Angeles, Xavier Becerra, Joel Wachs, Antonio Villaraigosa, Steven Soboroff and James Hahn debated at the Museum of Tolerance on March 30. Approximately 700 people attended with much press.

The candidates pitched their platforms, and the press, specifically the Los Angeles Business Journal, La Opinion, KNX News Radio and Adelphia Communications, fired issue



Mayoral candidates at debate.

questions at the candidates, including the matter of the Rampart scandal, the Belmont High School debacle, city services and business in the city.

The candidates generally agreed that the Rampart CRASH investigation was created by a lack of effective supervision and that better communication between the entities working on its resolution would benefit the city and the police department. Becerra, a U.S. Congressman, said he wanted to produce better schools with high tech education, community safety, and emphasized that he was doing this for the families of Los Angeles.

Wachs, a Los Angeles City Councilman, stated that accountability of government was required for the city. He

stressed opening up government to the diverse people throughout the city via neighborhood council empowerment and he promised to spend city funds prudently as if was his own.

Villaraigosa, outgoing Speaker of the State Assembly, emphasized consensus building. He is a native Los Angelino who wants to stop the finger pointing, move the city as a community and develop job skills programs.

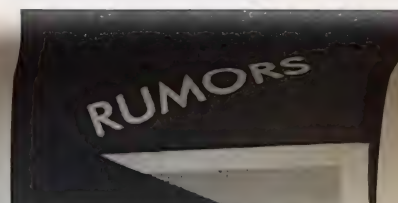
Soboroff, a city commissioner, stated he has a vision for the city with a dot-to-dot plan. His target priorities include a neighborhood school system, safety, gang eradication, economy, traffic, services, growth in entertainment and high-technology, and high-tech equipment for fire and police departments.

Hahn, the Los Angeles City Attorney, stressed infrastructure improvement throughout the city. His goal is to create an efficient world class city that will draw businesses such as new media (high technology and entertainment convergence), manufacturing and world trade. He said we need to address key problems including the school system, jobs and culture, law enforcement issues and the growing economic gap between the haves and have-nots. His priorities include safety, fixing the school system and creating after school programs, addressing traffic congestion, and better delivery of services and jobs.

GTE sponsored the event, which was moderated by Xandra Kayden, President of the League of Women Voters.

Relieved Officers and Your League

Many Rampart Division officers have been relieved from duty based on allegations from criminal Officer Raphael Perez. Your Board of Directors is maintaining communications with all of the officers assigned to home or relieved



Don't believe all the rumors-check out the truth on LAPD.com.

from duty. We will not abandon our members as the department has done. We will stand by our members and support them while they are perceived as guilty of only having worked with the criminal Raphael Perez.

May He Rest In Peace

My prayers and thoughts are with the Villalobos family and his friends and partners. May God let him rest in peace.

Dates To Remember

May is National Police Memorial Week. We should all take a moment and remember our fallen colleagues who gave their lives protecting and serving the people of Los Angeles.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

Re: Gun Battle Mistrial Declared

I was deeply saddened by the jury's inability to reach a unanimous decision in favor of the police officers in the North Hollywood bank robbery/shootout civil trial. Anyone who participated in or witnessed this tragic event knows the confusion, fear and chaos that took place while two heavily armed men fired over 1,000 rounds of ammunition at citizens and the police. But the real tragedy is the reality that our justice system allows an attorney like the plaintiff's, in this case, Stephen Yagman, to be part of it. It's no secret that Yagman makes his living by suing the city of Los Angeles under the guise of "protecting the civil rights" of some of the most dangerous criminals in the community. Make no mistake, Yagman is no civil rights worker, he is in it for the money. Yagman has previously been suspended from practicing law by the California Bar for his excess billing practices. It comes as no surprise that Yagman states he will, "try this case as many times as it takes." How else is he going to be compensated for his waste of the court's time? From past experience, I would venture to say that at the conclusion of the next trial he will ask the jury to award the plaintiffs just "one dollar" for damages to show their sympathy for the deceased suspect's family. In doing this, the plaintiffs will get just that, one dollar. But, Stephen Yagman will have won a judgment and force the city of Los Angeles to pay his outrageous legal fees. Now who do you think Stephen Yagman is standing up for—the plaintiff's family or himself? It is all about money.

It is sad that California taxpayers must bear the financial burden of an

unnecessary and totally ridiculous retrial when this case is without any merit. In Yagman's own words, no other reputable attorney would take it. Any retrial would serve no purpose other than to satisfy the greed of Stephen Yagman. Let us all send a message to Yagman in hopes that he slithers back to the hole in the ground from which he came and remains there for the rest of our lives.

Norm Jackson

(Note: Norm Jackson is a retired D-III last assigned to RHD Bank Squad. Norm was the "original" incident commander on scene at the shootout. He is also one of the lead detectives into the inv. of these criminals. For your info, these two were responsible for one 211/187 of a Brinks guard, one ATT 211 of a Brinks truck, and two 211s of BofA banks.)

Dear Editor:

Mr. Jan Golab, a writer for New Times of Los Angeles deserves thanks for his cover story, "Burying the Evidence," which describes the beginnings of the terrible scandal which has befallen our department. It is without a doubt the best article written so far. There can be no doubt that a cancer has formed within the LAPD. In my opinion the actions of Sgts. Leonard Ross, Ronnie Cato, and Officer Derwin Henderson are an abomination and only points out the failure of our hiring practices which stepped backward many years ago. I never thought I would say it but I believe our only hope is for an outside agency to take over the lead in the investigation as I feel the department no longer has the caliber of investigators who could solve this caper. Unfortunately the men and women who could thoroughly investigate this matter have retired. I can't help but harken

back several years to when I submitted an idea to Chief Gates involving the formation of a special unit to investigate suspected crooked cops. I recall being summoned before Chief Ritter at which time he told me that he felt that such a unit was not necessary. Fortunately, Chief Gates was much smarter than Ritter. The Chief called me to his office to hear my proposal and within a matter of months it was formed. It was my belief back in 1980 that due to the walking wounded we were hiring that it was only a matter of time until we become a carbon copy of NYPD, and ladies and gentlemen guess what? Folks, stay with the writers of New Times (www.new-times.com) and follow their story, remembering that low-lifes like Perez and the late great Kevin Grimes make wonderful informants. I know.

Michael J. Murphy (Ret.)

Dear Editor:

Here we are again, ready for our contract negotiations. Just a few shot months ago we voted for our league directors. Many of the candidates' platforms were to bring about change in the LAPD. One of the many issues talked about and the biggest issue concerning the officers is the 3/12 compressed work schedule. As we all know, Chief Parks is adamantly against this. The key question is whose decision is it to institute a compressed work schedule, either the 3/12 or the 4/10? The answer is we have to convince everybody, including the Mayor, the Police Commission, City Council and maybe even the Chief. The easier question is how do we do this?

When you look at the officers on this department there is no doubt that we have some of the finest men and women wearing the uniform than any department in the world. All police departments want to hire the best and brightest officers they can find. Everyone has to pass a litany of exams ranging from background checks, thorough financial checks and physical exams. Everyone also has to take psychological tests and even be interviewed by a psychiatrist to help determine if the candidates are qualified. The purpose of these thorough background checks and psychological interviews are to hire the best, brightest and morally sound officers as possible. We know the importance of the job and not anybody can become a police officer. With all of this said it is fair to say that those hired are the highest quality individuals we can find to place in a position of enormous trust and power. Let me stress this again. We hire the best people we can find.

Then, you may ask yourself, if we hire the finest people we can find, those with seemingly glowing past performances and high moral and ethical standards, why do these same people we hired consistently end up having one of the highest suicide rates of any profession in the world? Why do these same people (officers) have a higher than average divorce rate and are involved in domestic violence at such a staggering rate? Why is alcoholism such a chronic problem? How and why do these officers change?

We can certainly say with almost certainty that these officers are not the same people they were when they were originally hired. If it was discovered that the applicant exhibited any of these problems prior to him/her being hired it is

safe to assume they would have never been hired. Instead, they passed numerous exams geared to find the smallest hints of moral or ethical questionability. After an exhaustive search, there were little or no signs found to exclude them from the process and subsequently we as well as other municipal departments with similar standards hired the best of all the candidates.

It does not take a genius to figure out what changed so many officers. The answer is . . . the job changed them. I'm not saying that this job makes people become Rafael Perez's, but I do know this job does change people to some degree. When an officer works six, seven, or eight days straight and deals with radio call after radio call, people yelling and screaming at you, death investigations, booking suspects who just urinated on themselves and then deals with the most recent personnel complaint, it takes a toll on you. Then you have two days off or possibly three only to find out that you have to appear in court on two of those days. Now, if you're lucky, you can look forward to your next five or six-day stretch. After that you may have two or three days off but of course it is usually during the week when your wife/husband is working.

I feel uneasy quoting Rafael Perez, but before being sentenced to state prison he said, "Whoever chases monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster himself."

It takes a special person to do this job, it is like no other job in the world. In Perez's case, he became a monster and I know that he is the exception. But the message is clear. When you're out on the streets day after day fighting crime, sometimes fighting so-called monsters, not seeing your family, working weekends and not knowing your next month's or often next week's schedule, it takes a toll on you.

Are other agencies such as Glendale, Burbank, Long Beach, Pasadena, Santa Ana, Ontario, Chino, Whittier, Newport Beach, Beverly Hills, El Monte, Montebello, Monrovia, and countless others who have a compressed work schedule smarter than we are. No! They just know and recognize the benefits of having a compressed work schedule. These cities know the advantages in giving their officers the rest they need to be with their families and a break from the day-after-day rigors that being a street officer demands. The benefit is that the officers are happier, perform their duties better and the citizens of their communities are better served.

Officers are flocking this department to become members of departments who have compressed work schedules. I have had many conversations with those who have left the LAPD. Almost every one of the officers whom I've talked to admitted that they would not have left if the LAPD offered them a compressed work schedule. Can you blame them? What is important is that we are not only losing some of your youngest and brightest officers, but we are also losing the best applicants who are interested in police work. They are bypassing applying for this department because of the benefits that other agencies offer in terms of a compressed work schedule.

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END OF WATCH



NAME: Leland Geiler #1725
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Main Jail
BORN: No Birth Date Found
APPOINTED: May 1937
RETIRED: June 5, 1958
DIED: March 2000
(No day of death found)

★ ★ ★

NAME: Joseph M. Passarini #2451
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: DHD
BORN: July 18, 1912
APPOINTED: July 10, 1941
RETIRED: August 1, 1968
DIED: March 7, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Paul E. Sharp #10221
RANK: Police Officer III
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: January 14, 1933
APPOINTED: October 28, 1958
RETIRED: November 2, 1978
DIED: March 25, 2000

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NAME: Charles A. Calvert #6325
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart Detectives
BORN: November 10, 1925
APPOINTED: June 16, 1949
RETIRED: September 17, 1969
DIED: March 17, 2000

★ ★ ★

NAME: Louis Villalobos #16237
RANK: Police Officer III+1
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APPOINTED: August 10, 1970
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It is known that the compressed work schedule saves cities overtime costs, greatly decreases sick time usage and has a positive effect on the police officers working the streets.

If we have officers who are happy and look forward to coming to work after a well deserved rest which the compressed work schedule affords, it is reasonable to assume that citizens' complaints will be lowered, officers will be more productive and happier with their personal lives. This means that the community will ultimately benefit.

There are numerous sources and statistics that one can use to prove that a compressed work schedule benefits the city as well as the officers. We have numerous agencies in Southern California who switched from the traditional 5/80 schedule to the compressed work schedule. We also have four divisions within LAPD that offered the compressed work schedule up until December, 1997. If we want the compressed work schedule as part of this upcoming contract it is imperative that the contract negotiating team thoroughly investigate the advantages this department and other departments found by offering its officers a compressed work schedule.

If after researching that it is discovered that there is an increase in arrests, that citizens' complaints are lowered, the cities save money in overtime costs, officers take less sick days, morale is better, more qualified candidates are applying for the job and the attrition rate among officers leaving the department is lowered. And if after this the City Council and/or Police Commission still denies us a compressed work schedule, shame on them! If our league does not take the

time and effort to compile and present this data, shame on us!

Sincerely,
Michael D. Lewis, #31575
Rampart Division

Greetings

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my fellow League members/Department personnel who took time out from their busy schedules to call write me during my recent surgery. Your phone calls/mail have made the recovery so much more bearable! Contrary to what many would like to have us believe, the Department is truly a family!

Lou, my USMC/LAPD brother, may you truly rest in peace and I will always remember all of the tactics you shared.

Semper Fidelis,
Michael B. Parlor

Dear Police Supporters

Councilman Joel Wachs has submitted a motion to the City Council to fully reinstate and empower Senior Lead Officers to their former duty assignment! This is great news and has now made the SLOs a major political issue. If possible, please call and have your neighbors call Joel Wachs' office at 213/485-3391 or e-mail his office at wachs@c02.ci.la.ca.us. It is important they hear from us and know they have our full support. Let your SLOs know about the article as well. Hopefully the L.A. Times will soon have a positive article about this important citywide issue as well.

At the Police Commission meeting in Sylmar, March 21, over 50 percent of the speakers asked that their SLOs be returned.

Thanks for supporting your SLO.
Page and Sandy

Dear Editor

"Be Careful of What You Ask For"

On March 16, at 1:00 a.m., two LAPD Pacific Area units were conducting a traffic stop on Venice Boulevard at Canfield Avenue. While talking with the violator, the officers heard a woman screaming for help. Looking north on Canfield Avenue, the officers observed a woman hanging over her second story apartment balcony with smoke and flames pouring out of the windows behind her. Without hesitating, the officers released the lucky motorist with a warning and responded to the screaming woman. The woman screamed that she was trapped and that she was going to jump to escape the flames.

While two of the officers requested the fire department and began knocking on doors of the other apartments, waking the occupants and evacuating them, the other two officers grabbed the fire extinguishers from their cars and a third one from the apartment building. Proceeding to the front door of the victim's second story apartment, the only way in or out, they found it to be covered in flames. Kicking in the front door, they observed the entire front room engulfed in fire, with the flames rapidly spreading towards the victim's bedroom and balcony. The victim was growing more desperate. The officers, without a moment's hesitation, jumped into the flames, heavy smoke, and intense heat. They battled the fire with only the fire extinguishers and were able to put out most of it before it completely engulfed the entire unit. With the arrival of the fire department, the unit was ventilated of the heavy smoke and the victim was rescued.

As the responding supervisor, I found both officers sitting on the curb in front of the apartment building, gagging and choking from smoke inhalation, being treated by paramedics. I personally inspected the burned out unit, finding most of the furniture and household items in the area the officers had been standing either charred to a crisp or completely melted down. In interviewing the victim, who had observed the intense conditions from the inside, I found that she could not understand how the officers had not been killed or seriously injured. She was thoroughly convinced that she and they would be burned alive. Responding fire department personnel could not believe that the officers were actually crazy enough to go into a fire with that intensity. However, they believed that if the officers had not taken the action that they did, when they did, the fire would have spread too far in the short time it took the firefighters to get there. Based on what I observed, I wrote a commendation recommending the officers for the LAPD's highest decoration for bravery, the Medal of Valor.

The story was broadcast on every major news channel for the entire day, lauding the officers for incredible bravery, dedication and commitment to the City of Los Angeles and its citizens. To be fair, there was plenty of information broadcast, along with this story, regarding the Rampart scandal. This information was reported objectively, more support elsewhere? (Note: Other police departments readily hire LAPD officers because of the outstanding training and experience they receive. These departments also don't have to pay the fifty plus thousand dollars to train someone hired from the streets when they do this.)

Why would anyone with over 20 years of outstanding, extensive experience, and eligible for a pension, stick around and put up with the hassle when they can retire and get paid for it?

At one time, people were willing to put up with all of this just to wear the most prestigious badge in the world, that of the LAPD. I believe, regardless of what is printed in the newspapers, that this is still

the best police department in the world. Every time I hear one of my officers is considering leaving to another police department, I try to convince them of this and the fact that the grass is never greener on the other side of the fence. The problem is that they are not listening to or believing me anymore.

The average amount of time on the job for the entire Los Angeles Police Department is 3-1/2 years. We have a large portion of the Department with very little experience and very little experience sticking around to be passed on. That is very scary to me as a field supervisor, and it should terrify the public. Asking for, and even demanding, the needed change is great and commendable. However, if you do not do it in a responsible manner, to include voluntary involvement in the process of getting rid of the cancer, supporting and rewarding the overwhelmingly vast majority of honest, hard working, dedicated police officers, there may not be much left to change. If you do not support and recognize the type of officers who rescued that poor woman from the fire, that kind of valor, dedication, commitment, and even honesty may become a thing of the past. Be careful of what you ask for, especially how you ask for it.

Sgt. Craig Brown
LAPD, Pacific Area

(Note: I have 9-1/2 years with the Los Angeles Police Department and 2 years as a supervisor.)

Louie Villalobos Marine Hero - LAPD Hero R.I.P.

Losing a fellow cop is always tough. Losing a wonderful human being like Louie Villalobos is crushing. Louie will never be forgotten by me or anyone else who had the good fortune of knowing him.

Louie and I have been good friends since the early '70s when we worked Patrol at 77th Division. We had a lot in common. Among other things, we shared the blue collar upbringing in a Mexican-American family; we shared the Marine Corps experience; both of us fighting for our country in Vietnam; we shared a devotion to the community's well-being via our law enforcement endeavors; we shared good times and bad times; we shared tall cold ones and conversations late into the night.

Louie was a courageous man who loved his family, a man of superior integrity who was a true law enforcement professional, a man we should all view as an inspiration and outstanding role model during these trying times. There was absolutely nothing Louie Villalobos wouldn't do for another cop.

God bless you, pal, and thanks for sharing... We'll hook up again.

Semper Fi,
Lenny Muñoz, LAPD - Retired

Dear Editor:

Hello, this is to warn everyone of a new thing happening in communities as a gang initiation and such. If you care about anyone, please forward this to them immediately so they can learn of the possible harm. Even if you don't read this, at least forward it to people.

Hello, my name is Tina Strongman and I work at a police station, as a phone operator for 911. Lately, we've received many phone calls pertaining to a new sort of problem that has arisen in the inner cities and is now working its way to smaller towns. It seems that a new form of gang initiation is to go find as many pay phones as possible and put a mixture of LSD and Strychnine onto the buttons. This mixture is deadly to the human touch, and apparently this has killed some people on the East Coast.

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L.A. City Councilwoman Cindy Miscikowski-11th District

Cindy Miscikowski was elected to the Los Angeles City Council on June 3, 1997. She chairs the City Council's Public Safety Committee, is vice chair of the Planning and Land Use Management Committee and serves on the Budget and Finance Committee. She is also chair of the City Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Secession and serves on City Council Ad Hoc Committees on the Budget, Gangs and Juvenile Justice, Substandard Housing and Tax Reform. She also represents the city on the Entertainment Industry Development Corporation, the Independent Cities Association, the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee and is an alternate to the city's General Plan Advisory Board.

Cindy Miscikowski, though in her first term, is a knowledgeable City Hall veteran. She served as a deputy to Councilman Marvin Braude for 22 years. For 18 of those years she was his chief deputy, managing and coordinating the activities of the council staff, handling all planning-related matters, serving as Mr. Braude's principal legislative consultant and being his eyes and ears in the 11th District.

During that time, Councilwoman Miscikowski was the author of two pioneering initiatives approved by the voters; Proposition U (1986), which cut in half the permitted density of most of the

commercial zones in Los Angeles, and Proposition O (1988), which banned oil exploration or drilling on the city's beaches. These two initiatives represented the most fundamental change in land-use policy ever submitted to Los Angeles voters.

In mid-1994 she left city employment to accept a position as Executive Director of the new Skirball Museum and Cultural Center in Brentwood. Her duties included overseeing the final phases of construction of the \$100 million facility and readying it for the public. She left Skirball in 1996 to run for the City Council.

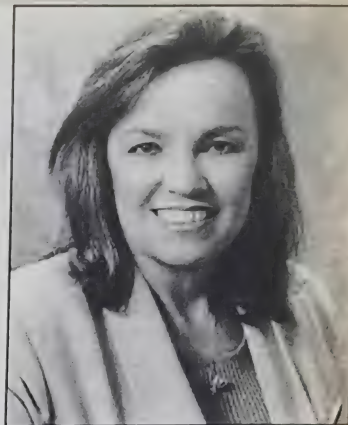
Councilwoman Miscikowski is widely recognized for her expertise in land-use planning, particularly for her role in developing many planning strategies now in widespread use in Los Angeles, including slope-density requirements to preserve hillside open space and requirements for amenities, like parks and green belts, in neighborhood commercial areas to accommodate pedestrians and improve liability. She is also widely recognized for her crucial role in arranging for the preservation of thousands of acres of open space in the Santa Monica Mountains for park use by future generations.

Today, as the Councilwoman of the 11th District, she is continuing her efforts to expand the city's recreational opportu-

nities by actively participating in the city's allocation of local park funds. She has fought hard for citizen participation in the allocation of these funds. Cindy has also been a leader at developing funding partners for several recreational projects in the 11th District, including the Sepulveda Basin (Army Corps of Engineers and the county of Los Angeles), Santa Monica Mountains (Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, county of Los Angeles and National Park Service) and the Will Rogers State Beach (California Department of Parks and Recreation, County Beaches and Harbors, Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority-bike path and Caltrans).

As a staunch advocate of women's issues, Councilwoman Miscikowski strongly encourages women's advancement in professional careers and in politics. She is a member of the Women's Political Committee and of the National Organization for Women's Legal Defense and Education Funds. She also holds membership in the National Women's Political Committee and the Association for Women in Architecture. She is a recipient of the Status of Women Award of the American Association of University Women.

Cindy Miscikowski holds a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA and has been a member of the UCLA Alumni Association since 1970. She



Cindy Miscikowski, Councilwoman, 11th District.

served on the board of directors of the Southern California Planning Congress from 1990 to 1994 and has been a professionally credentialed member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 1991. She also won the American Institute of Architects' San Fernando Valley Section Award of Excellence for Outstanding Service in 1986. She has lived in the West Los Angeles area for 30 years. Her husband, Doug Ring, is an attorney at Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp. Councilwoman Miscikowski is an active supporter of numerous community organizations, including the Los Angeles Conservancy, AIDS Project Los Angeles, the Museum of Contemporary Art and Radio Station KCRW.

YOUR LEAGUE AT WORK

News Media Activities 12/99 - 2/00

December, 1999

December, 1999, Letter Response to Daily News Editorial "Whine of the Century"

January, 2000

1/7/00: News Advisory for Swearing-in Ceremony/Banquet
1/11/00: Photography services for Swearing-in Ceremony/Banquet



League President Ted Hunt and VP Dennis P. Zine with Scott Mason during KROQ radio interview.

February, 2000

2/10/00: TV appearance on KCET "Life & Times" w/Warren Onley
2/10/00: Radio Appearance on KPFF "Which Way LA"
2/12/00: News Release re: FLSA "City Reneges"
2/14/00: TV appearance on CBS Early Morning Show w/Bryant Gumbel
2/15/00: TV appearance on CNN TalkBack Live
2/16/00: News Release re FLSA "\$40 million Agreement Reached"
2/16/00: News Release re: Police Commission/Margaret Mitchell

2/18/00: News Advisory & Appearance Ch. 7 News Conference with Jess Marlowe

2/19/00: News Release re: PPL support of citizen review & appointment of Erwin Chemerinsky

2/22/00: News Conference w/Joel Wachs re: citizen review of Rampart investigation

2/22/00: Radio Appearance on KIEV George Putnam Show

2/23/00: Interview w/UPN-13

2/23/00: Statement re: FBI in Rampart investigation



Los Angeles Times reporters Scott Glover and Matt Lait-the Rampart story-tellers.

2/24/00: Interview w/TIME magazine

2/25/00: News conference at Rafael Perez sentencing hearing

2/25/00: News story on CBS Evening News w/Dan Rather featuring Erwin Chemerinsky

2/26/00: News Advisory re: College Day

2/26/00: TV appearance on Fox-11 Midday/Sunday with Tony Valdez

2/26/00: Radio appearance on National Public Radio

2/28/00: TV appearance on CNBC Geraldo Live

2/29/00: News conference at Police Academy for College Day

National Print Coverage

New York Times
Atlanta Journal & Constitution
Charleston Gazette
Deseret News (Salt Lake City)
Christian Science Monitor
San Diego Union
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

National Television Coverage

CBS Early Morning w/Bryant Gumbel
CBS Evening News w/Dan Rather
CNN TalkBack Live
CNBC Geraldo Live

National Radio Coverage

National Public Radio

News Media Activities 3/1/00 - 3/31/00

News Release 3/9/00 Apology for Mediocre Label
News Release 3/31/00 Survey of LAPD Leadership
Interview w/UPN-13 Zine re: hero officer and beard
Interview w/Zine KNBC-4 re: suspended officers

BET Tonight w/Tavis Smiley (guests Jim Brown, Ramona Ripston, Milton Grimes)

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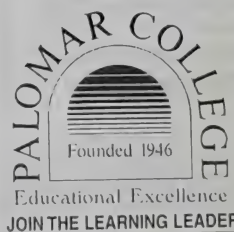
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CNBC Geraldo Live - 3 appearances
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- P.O. 2 Samuel Marullo, #33567
- P.O. 2 Sean Massey, #31004
- P.O. 2 Walter McMahon, #31237
- P.O. 2 Fernando Mora, #34351
- P.O. 2 Benjamin Perez, #33573

Air Support Division:

- P.O. 2+6 Glenn Plahy, #21967
- R.O. John Alpaugh, #R1884

On March 11, 2000, at approximately 1800 hours, Communications Division broadcast a Code-3 call of a shooting in progress at the above location. Additional information indicated that eight male blacks dressed in red were shooting at each other. The above officers, most of which were working FAS-TRAC "Z" Units, except Goens and Mora, who were assigned 18A49, were in the vicinity and responded to the call. The officers were aware that the location, the Nickerson Gardens Housing Development, was a well-known "Bounty Hunters" gang hangout.

As Marullo and Perez arrived, they immediately observed a male black in red clothing running away, northbound through the adjacent baseball field. Marullo noted that the suspect, later identified as Randy Collier, clutched the right side of his waistband as he ran, as if concealing a weapon. Marullo and Perez immediately engaged in a foot pursuit of Collier and broadcast as they did so.

Simultaneously, Goens and Mora arrived and engaged in the foot pursuit with Marullo and Perez. Meanwhile, McMahon and Coughlin alertly deployed from the west and ran eastbound toward Collier as Massey and Lara deployed from the north. Collier attempted to turn westbound but slipped to the ground. However, as he lay on the ground, he drew a handgun from his waistband and pointed it at Marullo. Marullo adjusted his approach, drew his firearm, and ordered Collier to drop his weapon.

Collier got to his feet and continued running westbound between the buildings. Marullo resumed his pursuit, followed by numerous officers. Collier attempted to throw the handgun onto a roof, but he failed and Marullo recovered it. As Collier reached 111th Place west of Antwerp Street, he surrendered and was taken into custody by Coughlin and McMahon without further incident.

However, as the above events started, Massey and Lara observed another male

black, later identified as Ronnie Chatman, also run upon the officers' arrival. As Massey and Lara responded to 111th Street west of Antwerp Street to hold the northwest portion of the developing perimeter, Massey observed Chatman reappear from between two buildings. Massey began to order Chatman to stop and to raise his hands. Instead, Chatman turned and ran southbound, toward the officers engaged in the foot pursuit of Collier.

Massey was very much aware that the first group of officers were at a tactical disadvantage with their attention focused on Collier and their backs unguarded. He immediately engaged in a second, simultaneous foot pursuit while the first one drew to a close. As Massey ran, he observed Chatman draw a semi-automatic handgun from his waistband. Massey broadcast this development as Air-3, with Alpaugh and Plahy aboard, responded. Alpaugh then broadcast a "help" call for Massey. The second foot pursuit continued southbound and then eastbound, toward the officers engaged with Collier.

Chatman momentarily disappeared around a building and Massey cautiously and tactically rounded the corner. At this point, Chatman raised his handgun and pointed it at Massey. Believing he was about to be shot, Massey drew his weapon and raised his aim but Chatman ran around another corner of a building. Shortly after, Massey heard the sound of metallic objects colliding come from Chatman's location.

Massey again cautiously and tactically rounded the corner as he saw Chatman continue to run eastbound toward the first group of officers. Alpaugh and Massey continued their broadcasts, alerting the officers of Chatman's approach. Goens and Coughlin responded and took Chatman into custody without further incident. Meanwhile, Massey recovered a blue steel semi-automatic handgun with a six-inch barrel discarded by Chatman.

All of the above officers are commended for their attention to duty, exceptional teamwork, and sense of discipline in apprehending two armed felony suspects. These characteristics exhibited by each officer were vital as this potentially chaotic and deadly encounter played out. Of additional note was the officers' post-pursuit discipline and skill at readjusting as they promptly formed a protective inner perimeter to protect evidence and to hold against a developing hostile crowd.

Massey and Marullo are especially commended for their courage and composure while confronting armed suspects. Each was constantly aware of his surroundings and used outstanding tactics in bringing these events to a successful conclusion.

Mid PM Officers:

- Officer Thompson, #33510
- Officer McCoy, #33409
- Officer Provost, #34600
- Officer Zucker, #33000

AM Officers:

- Sgt. Rosa, #14327
- Officer Glaister, #31657
- Officer Mendez, #35132
- Officer Koval, #32668
- Officer McNamee, #31914
- Officer Merrin, #33685
- Officer Hitanukulkit, #33852

PM Officers:

- Officer Wills, #33368
- Officer Swift, #34824

On February 12, 2000, at approximately 0025 hours, Officers Thompson and McCoy, assigned 18X4 (Mid PMs) were leaving Southeast Station when they received a "Lo-Jack" activation. Officers Thompson and McCoy discovered that the signal they were receiving was from a Long Beach stolen 1996 Honda Accord Station Wagon, Lic. 3RLL244, taken on 2/11/00. The officers notified other Southeast units of this info and also the direction the Lo-Jack signal was leading them. 18FB48 (Officers Provost/Zucker), 18X5 (Officers Wills/Swift), 18A3 (Officers Glaister/Mendez), 18A35 (Officers Merrin/Hitanukulkit), 18A17 (Officers Koval/McNamee), and 18L30 (Sgt. Rosa) responded to the area of 91st Street and Main Street to look for the vehicle.

The officers localized the Lo-Jack hit on the north side of 91st Street from Main Street to approximately mid block, and upon checking several locations found the Lo-Jack-equipped Long Beach stolen Honda in the rear garage of 143 W. 91st Street. The officers further observed additional car parts inside the location, a three-car garage to the rear of a house with a two story apartment to its rear. While checking for any additional vehicles in the area the officers also discovered a freshly dropped white Honda Accord, Lic. 3UBP840 (LASO/Cerritos stolen as of 2/10/00) parked in the 200 block east 91st Street, about a block away from 143 W. 91st St. This stolen was missing both its airbags, original tires/wheels, and stereo. The officers now realized that they were probably dealing with an organized car theft ring specializing in Honda products, and probably responsible for about 20 Accords and Civics recovered by Southeast officers in the last two months on 91st Street between Broadway and San Pedro Street.

The officers then conducted a door knock at 142 W. 91st St., #A, the only location being lived in at the site. They contacted an individual who claimed to be a resident, Juan Hernandez (later identified as Daniel Zepeda) who gave them permission to enter. Upon entering the location they observed various car parts/stereos in plain view that appeared to be from Hondas. They also obtained a consent search from him for the garages at the location. Believing this was an active "chop shop" in Southeast Area, the officers contacted TRAP Det. Spain to advise him of what they had. The TRAP Detectives showed up within 45 minutes and responded to the location to handle. Once at the location they recovered the Lo-Jack Honda Accord Station Wagon from the garage, intact except for a punched ignition, and the tires/wheels from the Honda Accord parked in the 200 block of East 91st Street in the rear garage. They also recovered doors, hoods, seats, lights, etc. from numerous other Hondas, in the same garage. Several of the car parts in the garage had ID numbers which came back to two Southeast recovered vehicles: 0018-06337, '97 Civic recovered 1/31/00 at 200 W. 91st St., and 0003-04350, '99 Accord recovered 1/16/00 at 154 W. 91st St. Additionally, the victims from several of the vehicles recovered at the location gave property descriptions matching stereo items recovered inside the apartment.

The above officers are all to be commended for their keen attention to duty and superior job performance. They exhibited an extremely high degree of teamwork, which in the end resulted in an active chop shop being discovered in Southeast Division, that has been the recipient of approximately 20 assorted stolen Hondas and Accuras, from various LAPD Divisions, LASO Areas, and assorted Southland law enforcement agencies stripped and then recovered by Southeast Patrol Officers in the last two months. Officers Thompson and McCoy are to especially be commended for utilizing their Lo-Jack equipment in the proper way, enabling them to pinpoint the location, which has remained uncovered for the last two months and then requesting additional units to assist. Sgt. Rosa coordinated the officers at the location in a manner befitting a veteran field supervisor, and the officers all responded in an extremely professional manner. Their conduct was so outstanding that Det. Spain from TRAP advised me that he truly appreciated all the assistance and hard work by the officers involved, and that Southeast officers were by far the easiest officers to work with and gain valuable cooperation and assistance from.

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Southeast Communi
Police Station

Officer Gary Cantu, #

Officer Jeanna Arvizu

On March 7, 2000, at approximately 1435 hours, Officer Gary Cantu and Jeanna Arvizu were on their patrol car in the vicinity of 105th Street and Broadway, when they observed a large amount of smoke drifting through the surrounding area. The officers were in a residential area and fearing that a residential fire was close by, drove to the origin of the smoke to investigate. Going towards the direct source of smoke, the officers turned into the alley east of Broadway. 105th Street and could clear a large amount of smoke from 106th Street. As the officers proceeded in the alley toward 106th Street, several people ran toward them, alerting them of a home fire. It was then that the officers realized that the single family dwelling at 106th Street was a residential fire. The officers then observed an adult exit the rear yard of the dwelling and stumble into the alley. The individual was completely engulfed in flames and was screaming for help. Without hesitation, the officers immediately exited their vehicle and ran into action. With total disregard for her personal safety, Officer Cantu ran over to the man, grabbed him by his burning clothes and assisted him to the ground. She then assisted him into a rain pipe where some of the flames were extinguished. As this was going on, Officer Arvizu secured a fire extinguisher from the trunk of his police vehicle and ran over to extinguish the flames. During all of this, the officers were broadcasting the incident to Communications Division and the Fire Department and an ambulance. They secured the man from their police car and

COMMENDATION



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Councilman Mark Ridley Thomas presents 77th Division personnel with Council Resolutions for extraordinary arrest record.



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Council Public Safety Chair Cindy Miscikowski congratulates 77th Division personnel for a job well done.

COMMENDATION

Southeast Community Police Station

Officer Gary Cantu, #32831

Officer Jeanna Arvizu, #32239

On March 7, 2000, at approximately 1435 hours, Officer Gary Cantu and Jeanna Arvizu were riding in their patrol car in the vicinity of 105th Street and Broadway, when they observed a large amount of smoke drifting through the surrounding area. The officers were in a residential area and fearing that a residential structure fire was close by, drove towards the origin of the smoke to investigate. Going towards the direction of the smoke, the officers turned southbound into the alley east of Broadway from 105th Street and could clearly see that a large amount of smoke was coming from 106th Street. As the officers proceeded in the alley towards 106th Street, several people ran towards them, alerting them of a house fire. It was then that the officers could see that the single family dwelling at 235 West 106th Street was a raging inferno. The officers then observed a male adult exit the rear yard of that address and stumble into the alley. The individual was completely engulfed in flames and was screaming for help. Without hesitation, the officers immediately exited their vehicle and went into action. With total disregard for her personal safety, Officer Arvizu ran over to the man, grabbed him by his burning clothes and assisted him to the ground. She then attempted to roll him into a rain puddle where some of the flames were extinguished. As this was going on, Officer Cantu secured a fire extinguisher from the trunk of his police vehicle and ran over to extinguish the remaining flames. During all of this activity, the officers were broadcasting their status to Communications Division requesting the Fire Department and a rescue ambulance. They secured a blanket from their police car and made the

victim as comfortable as possible while awaiting the ambulance. Officer Cantu, also with total disregard for his own safety, then ran to the burning structure to see if anyone else was in there, only to be driven back by the intense heat of the roaring flames.

The officers then sat with the victim, offering him comfort and encouragement until paramedics arrived. After the flames were extinguished, Fire Department personnel confirmed that there were no additional people in the structure.

The victim of this tragic event was later identified as Mr. Willis Cole, 55 years of age. He was transported to Martin Luther King Hospital and later transferred to USCMC Burn Center, where he is listed in critical condition with third-degree burns over 60 percent of his body. It is believed that Mr. Cole is a transient, as the structure that burned was determined to be vacant and abandoned and was in the abatement process.

The next day, the Southeast Area office received a phone call from a Ms. Carrie Cole, (323) 567-3060, who identified herself as Willis Cole's sister. Ms. Cole expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the brave officers who came to her brother's aid. Interestingly enough, Ms. Cole also indicated that her brother is classified as legally blind.

It is obvious that Officers Gary Cantu and Jeanna Arvizu acted instinctively and swiftly when confronted with a stressful, dangerous, and life-threatening situation. They quickly assessed what was going on and reacted accordingly. They observed a fellow human being totally engulfed in flames and did what they had to do to preserve life. There is no question that without the swift and heroic actions of Cantu and Arvizu, Mr. Cole would have surely burned to death.

Because of their heroic, instinctive actions, it is recommended that Officers Gary Cantu and Jeanna Arvizu be awarded the Police Star for bravery.

COMMENDATION

P.O. III Darius Lee, #25327

P.O. III Randy Goddard, #32757

P.O. II Vicki Magee, #31577

P.O. II Narciso Ortiz, #34884

Pacific Area

On March 16, 2000, at 0100hours, Pacific Area Officers Lee and Magee, Unit 14A25, and Officers Goddard and Ortiz, Unit 14A27, were conducting a traffic stop on Venice Boulevard at Canfield Ave. Hearing a female voice screaming for help, they looked north on Canfield Ave. and observed Delores Hubbard hanging over her second story apartment balcony with smoke and

police vehicles and gave them to Officers Goddard and Lee. Magee and Ortiz quickly woke all of the persons in the adjoining apartment units and evacuated them to safety while Lee and Goddard responded directly to Hubbard's apartment.

Lee and Goddard found Hubbard's front door to be completely covered by fire. They kicked the front door, the only exit/entrance out of the apartment, and found the living room totally engulfed by flames, blocking Hubbard's escape. The fire was spreading rapidly throughout the apartment towards Hubbard. Thick, black smoke filled the apartment, leaving a two-foot space above the floor. Because of the heavy,



photo by Dennis P. Zine

Pacific officers honored at City Hall by Councilmember Ruth Galanter.

flames pouring out of the window behind her. The officers immediately released the traffic violator and responded to Hubbard's location, 3766 Canfield Ave., and requested the response of the fire department.

Hubbard was panicking and stated that the fire was very bad and that she was going to jump. The officers calmed her and directed her to stay on the balcony where she was safe. Officer Ortiz retrieved two fire extinguishers from the

toxic smoke, and the act that the fire was spreading quickly, Hubbard grew more frightened and desperate. Without any regard for their own personal safety, Goddard and Lee entered the apartment through the flames and intense heat, fighting the fire with the hand-held extinguishers. Goddard and Lee extinguished the fire and prevented it from spreading any further. Hubbard was finally evacuated and brought to safety.

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Eagle & Badge Foundation Established to Benefit Children of Officers & the Community

Secretary General of Interpol Featured Guest at May 19th Event

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Eagle & Badge Foundation, a non-profit 501.C3 tax exempt charitable foundation, which will provide educational assistance for young people," said Ted Hunt, President of LAPPL and Chairman of the Board of the new foundation. Dennis P. Zine is the Foundation President and Arthur M. Kassel has been appointed Executive Vice President of the Foundation which will provide funds for scholarships for the families of LAPD officers and the children of the communities served by LAPD officers.

Established in December of 1999, the E&B Foundation will be supported through private donations, memberships, and fund raising efforts. The inaugural event will be the Eagle & Badge Foundation Dinner on May 19th at the Century Plaza Hotel. Special guest for the evening will be Raymond Kendall, Secretary General of Interpol, who will be on hand to salute the establishment of the Foundation and the original founding members.

In addition to Raymond Kendall, the Eagle & Badge will honor Commissioner Spike Helmick of the CHP and Mark Muscardini, president of the California Association of Highway Patrolmen, and several Eagle & Badge scholarship benefactors. The E&B Foundation has taken a page from the leadership manual of the CHP's 1199 Foundation which benefits CHP officers

and families on levels that no other organization has been able to accomplish. The Foundation Board reviewed the operational policies of many charitable police organizations and found that the 1199 Foundation has continued to offer excellent programs and their fund-raising capabilities involving the general public in support of their cause has been outstanding. The E&B Foundation has mirrored the 1199 programs especially with regard to their scholarship outreach and membership program.

The May 19th event will feature a number of special celebrity guests and additional honorees. "Funds raised at the May 19th evening event will be totally dedicated for scholarships, for the children of LAPD officers and the young people in the community," announced Foundation President, Dennis P. Zine. "We know this is just the beginning and look forward to providing hundreds of scholarships over the coming years, with the first ones to be presented later this year."

This event will coincide with the "Big 50" Conference and guests at the dinner will include the presidents and representatives of the police labor organizations from most of the major U.S. cities plus executives from I.U.P.A., N.A.P.O., and F.O.P.

For information on E&B membership or reservations for the May 19th event, call the Event Office at (818) 994-4661.

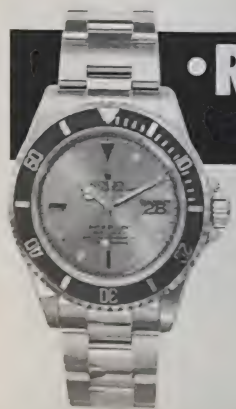


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Scholarships will be awarded based on GPA, extracurricular activities, scholastic awards and achievements, community involvement and a written essay. If your son or daughter is planning on attending school this fall, LAPFCU encourages them to apply. Stop by any branch for an application or call (800) 872-2843. All applications and supporting documentation must be received by May 12, 2000. Winners will be notified by June 16, 2000.



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SIGN-IN TIMES:

Registration will begin on Monday, May 22, 2000, between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Late registration will be on Tuesday, May 23, 2000, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

FOR ASSISTANCE OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please feel free to call any person(s) listed below for assistance. A registration form is required for each person attending. Mail in your registration form to reserve seating. If guaranteed registration fee is delayed due to departmental processing, indicate "Payment forthcoming" on the registration form.

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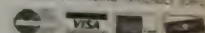
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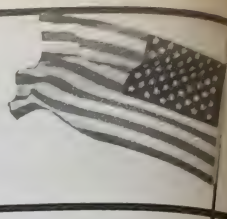
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VETERAN'S CORNER



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American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
6:30pm - Panorama City
Post #817

13553 Reedley Avenue
Panorama City, CA 91402
(818) 781-2261

Adjutant Frank Ortiz
160 N. Glendora Avenue
Covina, CA 91724
Hm: (626) 331-4271



National Commander's Luncheon

Alan G. Lance is the "Attorney General for the State of Idaho." He is also the "National Commander of the American Legion," for the year 2000. He came to Los Angeles as part of his nationwide tour. On February 29, 2000, he was honored at a luncheon at "Taix" restaurant. He received a presentation from Honorable Judge Harry Pregerson. Sheriff Lee Baca presented Commander Lance a parchment on behalf of "Star Post." Police Commission Committee-man Mark Gerin and Det. Marty Chalupa presented Commander Lance

with a plaque with the LAPD shield, on behalf of "Police Post."

March Meeting

Our last meeting was held on March 21, 2000. The Executive Committee received a letter from Sgt. Paul Anderson, from the Van Nuys Explorers. This troop is sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Department, but gets no funding from the Department. The only contribution provided is the services of Youth Services Officer Juan Topete. (And I understand he is doing a mighty fine job.) To qualify to be an Explorer, the youth has to have a clear criminal record, no gang affiliation, and at least a "C" average in school. This program is hurting for financial funding. The letter requested jackets for the members of the troop. The Executive Committee unanimously voted to appropriate \$300 to purchase Explorer jackets.

State Convention

This year the state convention will be in Fresno, from June 21 through June 23. For information and hotel reservation, phone Adjutant Frank Ortiz, (626) 331-4271.

Benefits

There are several companies that offer special services or discounted prices to members of the American Legion. Each month I will list some of these compa-

nies. There are two in the "Insurance Services" group. "Union Fidelity" 800-523-5758, and "American Legion Insurance Services" 800-542-5547. For more information of benefits, visit www.legion.org.

Welcome Recruit Class #3-2000, NOT

The recruit class scheduled to start on March 14, 2000, was cancelled. I understand it was because there were only 21 persons in the class. It makes you wonder. I remember my academy class, in 1977. We had almost 70 in the class. I was glad to get hired because there were 3,000 right behind me, all trying to get in. What has changed? Now, LAPD has a recruiting section. There are advertisements in magazines, newspapers, billboards, and magazines. Recruiters are sent nationally to colleges and military installations. There is a sign-on bonus for out-of-state hires. The entry requirements have been lowered several times. And we end up with a class of 21. It makes you wonder.

Special Days

- May 14th - Mother's Day
- May 15th - Peace Officers Memorial Day
- May 20th - Armed Forces Day
- May 21st - Memorial Day (observed)
- May 22nd - Memorial Day

The Next Meeting of Police Post #381

Our meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is May 16, 2000. This will be our annual "Election of Officers" meeting. Cocktails are at 6:00 p.m., and dinner at 7:00. There is a \$5 donation for dinner. Location - the Panorama Post, at 13553 Reedley Street, Panorama City. For information on the meeting, please call Adjutant Frank Ortiz (626) 331-4271.

Notifications

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Marty Chalupa, (818) 591-1024.

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It is the member of the U.S. Armed Forces, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the member of the U.S. Armed Forces, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.

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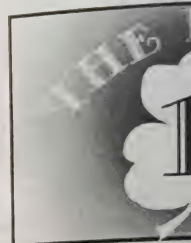
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

The Divisional Reporter is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Divisional Reporters may submit one report per Division for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.



by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

Retirements

Well, another successful retirement party has come and gone, thanks to Chef Kelle Baitx's "Shootin' Newton" barbecue cuisine.

Gail Ryan, Prue Wright and Randy Baird said their final goodbyes on March 9, 2000. Combined they had over 90 years of law enforcement experience.



Master chef Kelle Baitx taking a break.

The retirement party was like having a mini reunion. Gail Ryan, Prudence Wright and Randy Baird looked extremely relaxed and happy, now that they have found life after LAPD.



"The Newton Ladies," past and present. Oops, sorry Steve! Didn't see you there.

They were graced with the presence of several old—or should I use the word retired—Newtonites. Like Sam Hunter, Jerry Wright, Dennis Conte, Herman Howell, Dennis Mahle and Glenn Thrall just to mention a few. They were too many to remember.

The entire group welcomed Gail, Prue and Randy into the wonderful world of retirement.

A great time was had by all.

Commendable Capers

Latent Prints identified a suspect from a fingerprint lifted from a garment shop that had been hit in a takeover robbery. Det. trainee Alan Seeget, realizing that this young hoodlum had a rather unique description, put his nose to the ground and was able to link him to many other robberies. Alan found out that this young man had a couple of friends. Since Alan has the gift of gab, these hoodlums began to rollover on each other. Alan also contacted other agencies and was able to put together a rather extensive case. So far Alan Seeget has 97 counts of various charges attached to these robbery suspects.

I think "Paper Chase" Det. III Mike Bauers should take you out to dinner for reducing his workload.

Great job, Alan!

Operations-Central Bureau held their annual awards luncheon on Friday, March 31, 2000, honoring the top dogs of the Bureau.

Congratulations goes to Sgt. II Terry Barclay (Newton's Sergeant of the Year), Det. III Mike Bauers (Newton's Detective of the Year), Officer Jordan and Officer Winter (Newton's Officers of the Year), and Police Service Representative La Rita Henderson (Newton's Civilian of the Year).

Reserve Officer Steve Bertolino was honored at the annual Reserve Officer Awards Banquet as Newton's Reserve

Congrats

Promotions go to Mark Brooks P-3+1, Steve Razo Det. I (Narcotics Division), and David Clark Sgt. I (Wilshire Division). Congratulations and good luck.

Ins and Outs

Enough said about Steve Razo and David Clark. Good luck in your travels Capt. Nelson (Financial Crimes Division), Sgt. Argomaniz (Harbor Division), Officer Kardiban (Personnel Division) and Officer Mack (Southeast Division).

Welcome to Newton Captain Buck, Lt. Deranian, Officer Berdin, Officer Juardo and P-1 Luce.

Bloopers 'n' Blunders

During a recent divisional FASTRAC meeting, Det. III J. D. Furr was missing in action. Sgt. Roger Cheatham and Officer Emestica took part in an extensive search of Newton Station. Eventually they noticed a bathroom door upstairs that was normally unlocked locked. Sgt. Cheatham and Officer Emestica, using a screwdriver, pried open the bathroom door and located the missing Det. J. D. Furr. Actually, J. D. was attempting to leave the bathroom when the doorknob slipped off.



(This is a common problem around here in the new building; lowest bidder.) So, after an hour of yelling for help and banging on the door, Sgt. Cheatham and Officer Emestica rescued Det. J. D. Furr.

Just a Reminder

Newton's 75th reunion is coming, Friday, October 13, 2000, at the "original" Academy. For more information, call Detectives J. D. Furr or Kelle Baitx at (323) 846-5363 and Det. Roseira Moreno at (323) 846-6547.

Newton's "Golf for Kids" tournament is coming Friday, May 26th, at the Brookside Country Club. For more information, call Newton Community Relations at (323) 846-6504.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

NoHo news

by D.E.C.
North Hollywood Division

Officer of the Month

P.O. III Forrest "Geno" Ferone, #22433, has been selected as the North Hollywood Officer of the Month for April, 2000. Officer Ferone has been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department since 1980. He has been a fixture here at North Hollywood Station for approximately 12 years. Officer Ferone is a peer group leader who sets a high standard of excellence and can always be counted on to assist his fellow officers both in tactical situations and during complex follow-up investigations. After learning that Officer Ferone was selected to receive this award, his peers on PM Watch took it up on themselves to contribute money and organize an evening out on the town for Officer Ferone and his wife, Barbara. Officer Ferone is a highly respected officer, as is evident in the actions of his peers.

Golf Tournament

On March 27, 2000, the East Valley Police Activity League supporters, in conjunction with the North Hollywood Area Community Relations Office, hosted the 12th annual invitational golf

tournament. The event was held at the Braemar Country Club in Tarzana, where two, 18-hole championship golf courses were filled to capacity with enthusiastic golfers. The event is the major annual fund raiser for the P.A.L.S.

organization. The tournament is the largest annual event at the Braemar Country Club and it provides department members an outstanding opportunity to interact in a positive fashion with members of the community. Special thanks to Officer Billy Row of North Hollywood C.R.O. who is the head organizer and who takes special care in ensuring a good time is had by all.



League Directors and Delegates supported the No. Hwd. Div. East Valley PALS Annual Golf Tournament. (L-R) Director Tim Sands, Delegate Chris Vasquez, VP Dennis P. Zine and Director Don Lint.

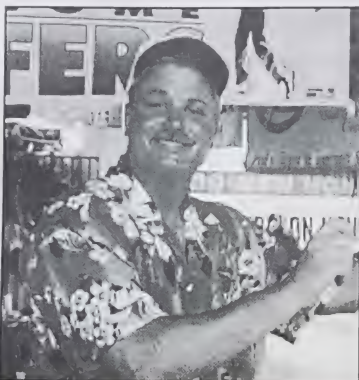


photo by Dennis P. Zine
No. Hwd. Div. East Valley PALS Annual Golf Tournament drew a sell out crowd, including VTD motor officer James Panik.



Captain Crosley plays with tear gas, not golf balls.



photo by Dennis P. Zine
Inappropriate conduct? What is this captain thinking?!

Special Deliveries

Congratulations to Officer Andy Boyce on the new addition to his family, Anderson A. Boyce, Jr. A. J. Boyce was born on November 25, 1999, 3-1/2



The Boyce Family.

months premature and weighing 1 pound, 11 ounces. After 123 days in the hospital, Officer Boyce was able to bring his bundle of joy home. The baby



Officer Braudrick enjoying his bundle of joy!

is doing great and now weighs a healthy 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

Officer Colin Braudrick and his wife, Stacey, gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Owen Jonathan Braudrick on March 4, 2000. Owen weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Mommy and baby are doing great, while dad needs more sleep.

Many hellos and well wishes to Senior Clerk Typist, Mary Parry, who is at home recovering from foot surgery. Hurry back, Mary. We miss you!

Memorial Golf Tournament

Just a reminder, on Saturday, May 20, 2000, the annual memorial golf tournament will be held. Mark it in your calendar and bring your family. A great time will be had by all. North Hollywood will once again be number one in fund raising (citywide) thanks to the efforts of Senior Lead Officer Larry Taylor.

Farewell

Senior Lead Officer, Dave Delgado has promoted to Sgt. and is leaving North Hollywood to join Wilshire Division. Congratulations, Dave.

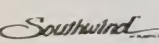


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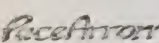
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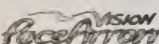
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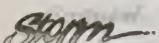
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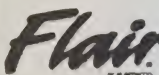
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Whatz Up With Wilshire

by Stephen Nichols
Wilshire Division

Well, here we are again, which means we survived another month. And considering what we all have to endure, both within as well as outside the Department, just keeping everything together can be a remarkable feat.

Speaking of survival, the focus on this month's column has to do with three former Wilshire Division lieutenants who made it through to retirement. (Normally I would be using this space to recount the exploits of the rank and file, but every now and again it's good, and necessary, to mention the accomplishments of supervision, especially those who have been instrumental in helping some of the rest of us along our way.)

Anyway, the first lieutenant of note is Lt. **Michael Bowers** (#22986). His career with LAPD started on March 30,

year career by working as a Patrol Lieutenant. On a personal note, I remember the lieutenant's last day—or early morning, actually. Everyone who was in the station turned out for a special tribute to the lieutenant. Without going into detail, it was a fitting way to send someone of his character "on their way." Before we all turned out, however, I remember asking him if he had any words of wisdom to pass along. His words to me were these: "Do what is right when nobody's looking, and have fun. Definitely have fun." Those are words to live by. Thanks, Lieutenant.

The last lieutenant of note is none other than "Colonel" **Ross Moen**, who was here before serial numbers were issued. (Actually, since I am behind deadline and don't have his serial number, I have to say that. But after spending more time here than most officers have been alive, I'm sure it was something that resembled an address, not like the current numbers which look more like a zip code or even something from social security.) Anyway, on March 31, 2000, the Colonel pulled the pin after 39 years. In his honor, a day-long barbecue was held here at Wilshire. It was very well attended, but then free food tends to bring out all your friends. But seriously, folks, it was a fitting end to an illustrious



Wilshire Division Officer Heather Myers and Dr. Kevin Andrews are congratulated at their wedding by Dep. Chief Dave Gascon, League Attorneys Hank Hernandez & Gary Ingemanson, and League VP Dennis P. Zine.

1981, and lasted until he retired on December 15, 1999. During this time, he worked the requisite tours, including three here at Wilshire where he served as a P-2, SLO, and finally a Patrol Lieutenant. Now that he is finished with his life of crime busting, he plans to fill his "free time" as a consultant or possibly doing private investigation work. He says

39-year run, which in today's climate would be the equivalent to two(1) careers. The banner hanging over the patio said it all: "From Chief Parker to Parks."

Lt. Moen's list of accomplishments read like a list of "Who's Who" for achievements. If they were available as a printout, and he was a suspect, he would probably have a 120-page (or longer) rap sheet. Sorry, but that is the only way I know to describe it. Suffice it to say, he has worked just about every assignment there is, and in the process, between his military service and his LAPD career, he has been awarded more medals than most Russian generals. He has been commended by President Clinton and Mayor Riordan among others and has enough plaques for his efforts to cover a wall. He has also been active in many different lodges and fraternal organizations, and has done more in one career than a lot of people do in two lifetimes. Due to time and space constraints, all of his tours and everything else can't be mentioned. However, he is an example of perseverance and longevity at a time when "20 and out" is the mindset. Lt. Moen's plans for "retirement" include working for a private detective agency and possibly as a reserve deputy sheriff.

A sincere and heartfelt congratulations are extended to these "three wise men" with wishes for an enjoyable life after LAPD.

Next month I shall resume with the antics and heroics of Wilshire's finest. To each of you, please stay safe and do the right thing. Nobody but you can make it happen, but together we can all make it happen.

And to Officer **Hansen**—hurry up and get well. You are missed.

See everybody next month!



photo by Dennis P. Zine
Scott & Mercedes Hallock with daughter Breanna Rose Hallock.

he will have a retirement party—to be announced—for all the party hamsters out there. Stay tuned for date and time.

The second lieutenant of mention is Lt. **John Tabares** (#14940). After serving two tours in Vietnam (1965-'69), he joined LAPD in February, 1969. He started as a brand new boot here at Wilshire and worked his way up to P-3. During this time he also worked assignments in SPU and Vice. Over the years he worked various assignments in many different areas and divisions, until finally ending up back here at Wilshire, where he ended his long and storied 31-

Southern Lip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

Hear yea, hear yea, once again we've come to a split in the road. We are losing young and old officers at a rapid pace. Information in the last week is that we've lost a thousand officers from LAPD. Isn't this shocking news? I know there has been a lot of retirements posted around all the stations, but a thousand in the last year. Does this information rattle any cages in the city government? Can anyone answer the rumor that L.A. city is recruiting from the East Coast? They are offering a \$2,000 bonus to sign with LAPD. I don't know about anyone with 20 minutes on the job, but I feel this is an insult to the good and hard-working men and women of LAPD. Why was there an additional rumor of only 17 persons, qualified applicants, available to start the academy? Maybe it has something to do with the way LAPD treats its officers, or could it be that we are among the lowest paid in salary and benefits for the state of California? This Department has begun to hire the majority of young persons with college degrees. I got bad news for the city and Department. These young people are better educated and won't put up with all the malarkey wreaked upon them. I wish and even pray that someone in power opens their eyes and realizes that LAPD is on a downward spiral that could take years to correct. Remember folks, "You get what you pay for."

Once again Harbor Division displays that we have some of the stupidest crooks in the city. Do you remember the genius that parked a stolen vehicle in the Harbor Range? Well, the same crook, one week later, was observed by two sharp Morning Watch officers, **Michelle Santillan** and **Kevin Blomeley**. He attempted to out-run the officers in a short vehicle pursuit. He took a wrong

turn and ended up on a dead end street. Next move, get out and run on foot would have worked if he didn't trip over his own feet. When he was gently taken into custody he swore up and down that he had permission to drive the hoopy. When the crook was advised of the scissors in the ignition, he finally broke down to the officers. His final statement, "I need counseling, I have a problem with stealing cars, can't someone help me?" Yes, I think there is someone who can help him—the judge.

There has been a sad moment at Harbor Division. We lost the station mascot a while back. The fat cat was found stiff in the back of the station. She had been around for over 10 years and was the most mangy cat you ever did see. She did produce a vast number of litters, that were adopted by officers and detectives alike. Someone was kind enough to put a "R.I.P." sign over the cat house. **Ed Diot** was sorry to break the news to Sgt. **Tony Rosa**. He was the cat's best friend, before and after being kicked out of Harbor Division. Tony even came back to Harbor to feed the cat and see the troops. Tony did this traumatic event cause an early retirement by you? I hope not. It's nice to see that you've had enough and will enjoy your retirement.

The transfers should be getting thinner, with not a lot of new troops being hired, but at least we had a bit of movement and promotions on this last one. Harbor Division had some movement, P-3+1 **Lisa Ovesen** made Sergeant and left for WLA. Sgt. **John Ferguson** picked up a Sgt.-2 spot at Central, Sgt. **Kara Silverstein** went to EODD, P-2 **O. Thomas** to Central and P-2 **A. Rainey** to WLA. New, but old blood in: Det.-2 **D. Kato** from Narcotic Div. to Harbor as a Sgt.-1, Sgt.-1 **R. Argomaniz**, Newton Div. (do we have a spouse in Harbor?) into Harbor as a Sgt.-1. Upgraded P-2 **S. Chiang** to Harbor as a P-3 and **E. McGowan** into Harbor from WLA. Two new boots, **K. Edwards** and **T. Karandy** from TD-REC. Congratulations go to **Scott Engedal**, picking up a +1 spot, and **Dan Robbins** a P-3 spot. I hope you two realize what you have done to yourselves. If not, you will.

Keep your powder dry lads and lassies; this is going to be a long and hot summer.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings from 114. This is by far the most difficult article I have had the privilege to pen on my tour as the Metro scribe. On March 24th Metro said good-bye to a true American Hero and friend. On behalf of the Metro family, and most



Louie—ever present at the annual Memorial Relay at Dockweiler. Background: retired Sgt. Bob Brannon (left), Chief Parks (right). Foreground: J. Tepich (left), R. Smith (right).

certainly from the depth of my heart, deepest condolences to Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Villalobos**, Stephanie, Christina, Samantha and Jake. Throughout this unbelievable tragedy, I have consistently recalled something my mother stated to me somewhere in my childhood. "God takes the good ones early so they can watch over us." A Louie-ish type smirk appears as I ponder that analogy. Lou was the definition of humility yet the image of strength. His stature evoked a command presence while his aura commanded a quiet reverence. His regular "A" always looked sharp. He could have been dubbed the E. F. Hutton of SWAT. When he spoke, you listened. If a picture is indeed worth a thousand words, the three Wise Men could be replaced by a photograph of one man. The defin-

itive crest, uncompromised duty, honor and valor epitomize the man, the marine, the policeman, the leader, the mentor, father, brother and friend we called Lou.

114 to all Metro units, 33 David is EOW.

Incoming

Congratulations to Sgt. **Scott DeFoe**. Sgt. DeFoe is joining the Kennel Club as the new K9-60.

Up/Out

Congratulations to R-10 David, um, Capt. R-10 David, um Capt. **Tom Runyen**. The former SWAT OIC is trading up the single bar collar configuration for doubles and heading down to 77th Street. On the day his appointment was

announced, SWAT was requested to six separate incidents! Go figure! Capt. R-10 David has been the Commander of D team since November, 1993. During his tenure, he directed a complete turnover in supervisory personnel and a myriad of noteworthy incidents from the "white Bronco" to North Hollywood. The former Marine and decorated Vietnam veteran will be profoundly missed by all the troops. It has been a true privilege and honor to work for such an outstanding leader. Thank you, Sir.

Congrats to outgoing plus ones **Andrea Balter** (G), **Danny Bunch** (K9) and **Al Cota** (G). The former assistant squad leaders are charting new career paths as patrol sergeants in Hollywood, Rampart, and Hollenbeck, respectively. Best wishes to all in your new endeavors.



Louie and the troops. Team photo 1997 L.A.S.T. vested B-V Team. Benefit run for the children of Orthopaedic Hospital.

So Long For Now

Best wishes to Sr. Clerk Typist Sharon Lovely. Sharon is departing the police department and heading over to DWP. Thanks for the great job you have done over the years supporting the mission. You will be missed!

Up

Congratulations to Management Analyst Vicky Castro of our CAD unit. Vicky joined the Metro family last year as a Transit Aide via Transit division.

From the Sports Desk

On Sunday, March 5, several of Metro's gladiators participated in the 15th annual Los Angeles Marathon. **Jimmy Barlow** (Metro Cavalry), **Rick Anzaldo** (D), and **John Harrison** (A) competed with over 23,000 runners in horrendous weather. Strong winds and pouring rain created the worst environmental conditions in the history of the event. Prior to running the marathon, "J Bone" warmed up his quadriceps by completing the bike tour. Stay tuned for the upcoming "Insane Sports" program on Fix Sports West which features segments on those in law enforcement. Featured in a cameo spot is Rick who participated in the Baker to Vegas final run-off four days later!

Platoon Movement

Congrats to **Marcos Rubio** and **Neil Coward**. The latest 41-54 club entries exhaust the latest list of D team selectees. Welcome to standby!



Louie—The Team Leader—briefing the troops.

Maternity Ward

Two for one. Congrats to **Robert Gallegos, Jr.** (A-pltn) and wife, Becky (77th) on the birth of daughter Hannah Patricia, born on 3/3/00. Baby Hannah was born at 1236 hours weighing 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and 20 inches long. Momma, baby and grandpa **Bobby Gallegos** (D-team) are doing just fine. The vault is now stocking blue-banded cigars since the birth of Vault Commander's grandson, Grant Thomas, born on March 30, 1258 hours, weighing in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and 18-3/4 inches. Grandpa **Moody**, grandma Diane, momma Elizabeth and dad Bart are all doing well. Over in C platoon, pink-banded cigars are being handed out by **Jerry Santos**. Jerry and wife Jeannette (SOE) are the proud parents of a baby girl, Brianna Alyssa, born February 28, 11:59:20 hours, weighing

so that he might live to see his grandchildren play. Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist. Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that some day, a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window.

Burn what is left of me, and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all prejudice against my fellow man.

If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

R-10 Girl, clear.

To Remember Me

by Robert N. Test

A Tribute to Louie

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress located in a hospital busily occupied with the living and the dying. At a certain moment, a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by use of a machine. And don't call this my death bed. Let it be called the Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman. Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teenager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car,

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by Officer Binnie M.
Central Division

The "Skid Pros"

"It's time to wake up! Time to wake up! People! Come on now, I shouted Officer **Earl Wright**."

"Rise and shine everybody! Up!" added Officer **Eddie**.

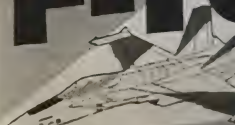
They both strolled along the pavement of Skid Row, Los Angeles, where many homeless individuals live. It's 5:00 a.m. The street is dark. The street lights are beginning to glow. There's no car in the road. The green traffic light is still dark. It's still cold. And most of all, it's still sleeping cozily in bed.

"All right, all right. I'm complaining 'Robert,' a man who has been homeless for almost five years. He continues to have a good relationship with the Midnight Mission.

"Robert" continued to Eddie and Earl why they were up so early. But at the end of the night, he had dressed himself and started packing the cardboard boxes, which he had used for the past five years in his life. He had to keep himself warm every night to keep himself from freezing.

Then "Maria" and her husband, who were driving slowly along Skid Row, started selecting the cardboard boxes. "Robert" and his neighbors began to fold their cardboard boxes. They began to pack their belongings into the boxes. Earl presiding over them.

F-10



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On December 18, 1999, at 10:00 hours, Officers **Gomper** and **Driller**, #33553, working the Foothill patrol, received radio call for a vehicle. The officers responded and located the vehicle. The vehicle was a 1991 O'Melveny. The officers responded and located the vehicle. The vehicle was a 1991 O'Melveny. The officers responded and located the vehicle. The vehicle was a 1991 O'Melveny.

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"Rise and shine everybody. Up, up, up!" added Officer Eddie Zelaya.

They both strolled along the concrete pavement of Skid Row, Fourth Street and Los Angeles, where most of the Los Angeles's homeless individuals sleep. It's 5:00 a.m. The street is dark. The city street lights are beginning to dim out. There's no car in the road to speed through the green traffic lights. It's still dark. It's still cold. And most of us are still sleeping cozily in bed.

"All right, all right. I'm getting up," complained "Robert," a man who's been homeless for almost five years and continues to have a good relationship with the Midnight Mission.

"Robert" continued to complain to Eddie and Earl why they had to wake him up so early. But at the same time he had dressed himself and started folding the cardboard boxes, which have become the materials he had used and relied on for the past five years in making his bed every night to keep himself warm.

Then "Maria" and her husband came, driving slowly along Skid Row and collecting the cardboard boxes from "Robert" and his neighbors for the last 25 years. Everyone slowly woke up and began to fold their cardboard boxes and pack their belongings with Eddie and Earl presiding over them. I watched. I

watched their faces. I especially watched how each face has its own story to tell. How many of them with bachelor degrees could end up here in Skid Row. How educated and successful they once were could wind up being hooked on drugs and other problems. I watched... and I continued to watch sadly.

Eddie and Earl then continued their "alarm" mission to 6th Street and San Julian, where most of the single resident occupants are located. Then there's Crocker and 5th Street, mostly alcoholic and "crack" codependents, who mingled together. Earl then told me that even though these people choose to stay homeless they all have a routine that

He answered, "Yup, my guys get up early in the morning and start work at 4:00 a.m., waking up the homeless people. Then they deal with the garbage these people leave behind which street maintenance comes and picks up after them with my guys protecting them from the aggressive homeless ones. We work in conjunction with street maintenance, shopping cart pick-up service, cardboard collectors, etc. And on top of that, we also pick up radio calls during the change of morning to day watch. We handle traffic enforcement and radio calls as well. Most patrol officers do not like this detail."



photo by Officer Binnie M. Phan

The "Skid Pros" - (L-R) Sgt. James MacDonald, Steve Molina, Armando Alvarez, Tyrone Acosta, Rudy Fajardo, Eddie Zelaya, Earl Wright. (Not pictured): Jose Gutierrez, Dave Romero.

they follow by every day. They know exactly what time they need to get up every morning, pack their belongings, and start getting ready for the day. They sleep at the same time and location every night. But when ANYONE interrupts their daily ritual, the anger and frustration are seen all over their faces... just like a bunch of unhappy campers.

Then around 9:00 a.m., we met with street maintenance. They pick up leftover boxes, trash, clothes that are scattered on the public sidewalk, and any obstacle that blocks the path of the public sidewalk. Sgt. James MacDonald walked over towards me. I looked at him. He looked right back at me. Then I asked, "Is this what the Eastside Detail is all about?"

As the sergeant continued talking, I wondered to myself how little I knew about this detail. How he embraced the philosophy of Community-Based Policing, about which Lt. Charles Evans talked and emphasized tremendously during roll calls. How our services and programs establish a true partnership between our department and the communities we serve... and how we work daily in conjunction with other department resources, city resources, and community services in our problem-solving approach (see *). I could see through him how much respect and praise he had contained within himself for the officers who work this detail. Not

only is Sgt. MacDonald a good leader, he's also a good subordinate (see **).

The Eastside Detail comprises of six officers in three patrol "Z Cars." Roll call is Monday through Friday, 0400-1245 (hours) military time. ESD was started roughly about 15 years ago by a group of officers and was initiated by a combination of factors. Several of the earlier members included Bruce Miyazaki, Linda Baldwin, Don Dendy, and Earnest Baxley. Sgt. Miyazaki stated that one of the factors that started ESD was the constant complaint initiated by the business owners who were affected tremendously by the homeless individuals sleeping in front of their businesses during open hours. They blocked off the sidewalks with their belongings and denied access to those who simply wanted to use the sidewalk. As a result of this detail, the reduction in the number of complaints by the business owners and the community in the surrounding area decreased drastically. The officers had always maintained a working partnership with the homeless on Skid Row. Therefore, they (homeless) have always tried to cooperate with LAPD.

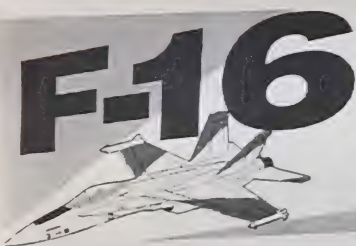
At the end of the day, I was driving home on Los Angeles Street feeling tired and longing for my bed. Just as I stopped on a red traffic light I spotted "Robert" in my peripheral vision. And there he was, scampering and rumbling away in the city's dumpster looking for cardboard boxes to make his bed for the night. I finally got home and curled into my bed, feeling quite thankful and appreciative that my bed was made every night for me.

*Management Paper No. 1, page 2-3, October 15, 1997.

**Management Paper No. 2, page 6, October 22, 1998.

The Eastside Detail

Sgt. James MacDonald, Officers Earl Wright, Tyrone Acosta, Armando Alvarez, Rudy Fajardo, Eddie Zelaya, Steve Molina, Jose Gutierrez (now Transit Bus), Dave Romero (promoted).



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On December 18, 1999, at 2200 hours, Officers Gomperz, #32646, and Driller, #33553, working uniform patrol, received radio call "GTA just occurred at 9951 O'Melveny Ave. The officers responded and completed a GTA/Stolen VEH report.

At 2300 hours officers were in the area of Glamis Street and Talfair Ave. when they observed a vehicle that matched the description of the stolen vehicle. The officers noticed the license plate matched that of the stolen vehicle. The officers continued to follow the vehicle and requested a backup. Once sufficient resources arrived, officers activated their emergency equipment to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle was occupied by two juveniles; they immediately fled and a vehicle pursuit ensued.

Throughout the pursuit, officers conducted themselves in exemplary fashion. They maintained due regard for the public safety and never compromised

the officer's safety concerns. Within a short amount of time the subjects were involved in a traffic collision at Remick Ave. and Kagel Cyn Ave. The subjects bailed out of the vehicle and attempted to flee. They were unable to escape, due to the proper deployment at the termination of the pursuit. The subjects were taken into custody without incident. A pair of scissors was recovered inside the vehicle and is commonly utilized by suspects to "hot-wire" a vehicle. The subjects are "Pacas Trece" gang members and had lengthy arrest records.

The officers are commended for their attention to duty, keen observational skills, tactical acumen, and report writing skills. The officers' actions resulted in two predatory gang members going to jail and the recovery of the victim's property. The officers' actions are in the highest tradition of the Los Angeles Police Department. "Pride, integrity and guts."

Foothill Detectives

I would like to talk about one of our new detective trainees who came from training division. P-3 Officer Julie Shaw, who worked this area in the past for six years as a patrol officer. She worked SPU, CRASH, and loan to Vice for short period of time. Julie and her partner for months led all the watch in all areas of police work. Julie left to training division and to teach others how to fight, using her expert fighting skills. We are happy to have her come back to our division. She has a lot of expertise and experience to help solve

crimes in the area. By the way, she also likes to perform at jazz clubs playing her guitar and talking to her husband. He is very proud of her and she is an outstanding musician.

Sports

Well our running teams are all fired up for the upcoming Baker to Vegas run. All the officers involved are training every day, running during their C-7 before watch and EOW. All these officers are great athletes and are dedicated to winning for the division.



Softball team is looking, feeling and ready to play. We have some new addition to our team. Leading the team, Sgt. Phil Smith, Sgt. Steve Reid, Sgt. Dean Watts, Robert Collier, Daryl Davis, Jeff Lamonica, Rolando Rodriguez, Sammy Jones, David Swanson, Nick Pikor, Michael Patton, and myself. We won our first game over Devonshire 19-0, the team hit over .600.

Our co-ed team, the Rockers, are playing in the Arizona games. The majority of players are from Foothill area: Diane Escalante, Jennifer Vass, Paula Davidson, Melinda May, Siamone Bangphraxay, Michelle Rodriguez, Cate Elision Tibet (Van Nuys), Michelle Lopez (Valley Traffic).

In and Outs

We would like to say bye and good luck to Sgt. Sambar to IAD. As a Sgt. II, Sgt. Sambar was the OIC of the CRO. He was a good friend and made sure

every event in the community was attended by all the officers in the division. Take care and we will be seeing you soon.

Sgt. Ellis went to WIL, Div. P-3 Trask to HWD, P-3 Whittemore to VNY. Morales to EODD. All of you take care and good luck. All these officers are outstanding and proactive in their duties and care about the community. We will miss all of you.

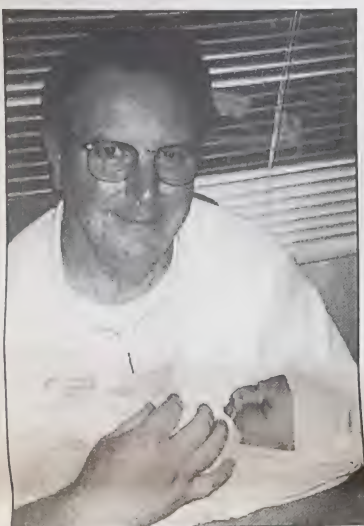
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

VAN NUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Division

Unbeknownst to me, Van Nuys Area has suddenly had a population explosion. While dozing through roll call I perk up when our good lieutenant reads off the birth of one Torri Leigh Gahry. Since I know both Heather and Tom, I wake up. I am informed this offspring came into this world at 9 pounds. All this happened on March 12 at 1213 hours. Then someone mentions that



Sgt. Steve Dell with his first grandchild, Braeden Duggen.

James Cherrette and wife, Lindsey, also had a baby and the search is on for the stats on this one. Found it—baby girl, Leanne-Rose, 7-1/2 pounds, born in Simi. Then, what about Jason Beatty? He had a new daughter about a month ago. Sure enough, Haily Samanta Beatty checked in a 6 pounds, 5 ounces and 19-1/2 inches. Then I get to thinking what about Brian Hillman. He is off on one of those “bonding” leaves. Lo and behold, I spot Brian in records. Still off, and he just kind of forgot to mention that Troy James Hillman was born 1011 hours and 8 pounds, 1 ounce, way back in January. Just get those facts down and find out that Sgt. Steve Dell is at the hospital on March 17 for the birth of his first grandchild, Braeden Duggen. Wait, it does not stop. On March 21, Julius Stewart, of the Captain's Adj fame, is at the hospital for the birth of his son, William Stewart. With all of these babies I send out the call for photos. I get nothing. That is until I see Sgt. Steve Dell. I know that there is some kind of law that grandparents must carry around at least one photo of their grandchild. I know I do. So hopefully the photo will accompany this article. Congratulations to everyone. I hope all of the babies and mommies and dads are healthy and proud.

Ron Carpenter went to arrest and control school, thought it was a class in

caustic chemicals and created some gas for everyone to dwell on. Tom Bibbs and Tim Sauerman seemed to have the same idea. Bet it will be some time before they invite those three back for a “refresher” course. While I am on the subject on Ron Carpenter, I did note that his hunting has bagged, “Donald Duck, Pepe le Phew, Bambi, and recently Porkey Pig. He did leave Bullwinkle to Tom Bibbs. Naturally, Rob Gasior did in “Scoppy Do.”

Mike, it is not wise to dig up skeletons, especially if those skeletons belong to command staff...

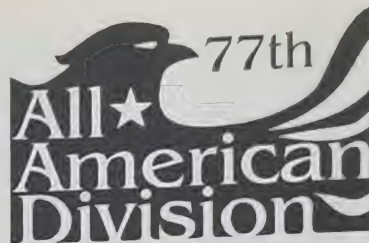
Incidentally, in case someone wonders why some recent event did not make this article, I left for a tour of Italy to celebrate my 40th wedding anniversary. Yes, I know, where did I ever find anyone who put up with me for 40 years. But, anyway, I had to write this up early and fast.

The Van Nuys Running Team will have already competed in the Baker-Vegas race by the time that this article hits the street. Our top runners were Richard Powers, the young one, not the old one, Zoltan Mako, Ralph Emard, Frank Preciado, Sean Hansen, and Tim Grace. (Or at least I hope his name is Tim. I don't know him and he runs too fast for me to catch up and ask him.) Jodi Wakefield deserves a special thank you and “atta gal” for hanging in there to put this team together. I know that I was one of those to “flake” on her and add to the stress of the job, but I'm sorry, I did not plan it that way. I just got old and fat and then other old people's stuff came up. You deserve for the team to do really well and for you to run really fast.

The Van Nuys Area softball team finally materialized for LAPRAAC's preseason tourney. Our first game was with Rampart. They did not have enough to field a team for the first game. I think too many of them were trying to avoid hordes of reporters, IA, DA, CA, FBI, CIA, UPS, and the Chief... Wow, what a rough time for those guys. Anyway, they played us a little pick-up game, played long enough to realize we were very lucky they did not have enough to play us. Then we won one for real. Looked fantastic. Then we played Pacific and did not look so fantastic after all. But we made the first cut and played SDS. We build a 12-4 lead and then the wheels fell off. Nineteen runs are not that many... okay, in one inning, I guess that's a bit much. But we did see some hope and we will put it together for the regular season. Told Glen O'Shea and Vic Sua we need some more ballplayers. And some younger ones. A 60-year-old second baseman is fine for senior softball, not for a divisional team.

I always hate to report sad and negative things, but sometimes it is necessary. This is one of the sad ones. Jerry Lucio lost his one-year-old son as a result of a long illness at Pacific Hospital on March 8. It is always difficult to find the words to express sufficient sympathy at the time like that. But Jerry, may the good Lord be with you and yours, from all of us at Van Nuys and throughout the department.

Another day is crossed off my calendar... I need someone to take my place writing the Blue Line. My days are numbered, honest this time guys. See me now.



by Officer Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

He Keeps Going and Going and Going

On March 23, 2000, 77th Street A.M. Watch celebrated a very special occasion. Lt. Paul Von Lutzow, #15884, coach of the famed “77th Power Pigs” and Watch Commander extraordinaire celebrated his 30-year anniversary with the Department. PIII Rich Coates, #20771, and Greg Garcia, #30048, organized the event, provided an outstanding BBQ for the watch and refreshments for everyone who attended. Joining the watch was Chief Bernard C. Parks and his wife,



photos by Dennis P. Zine

77th Division officers threw a party on AM Watch for 30 year veteran Lt. Paul Von Lutzow.

Bobbie, Captain Harlan Ward, Capt. Paul Enos, League Vice President Dennis P. Zine, and P.M. Watch. The Chief presented the lieutenant with a plaque of appreciation, and praised the lieutenant's commendable career with the Department.

It should be noted that when the lieutenant joined the Department Officers still had to wear their hats whenever they exited their patrol vehicles, not just on Sunday when we at 77th Division wear our covers. There was no such thing as short sleeves, unless it was 80 degrees outside and the Chief gave them permission. There was no air conditioning, but then they did not have bullet-proof vests that they were required to wear. There was no advanced pay grade (Sgt. II, P3+1, P3, etc.) positions. There were only 5,500 officers on the Department, and they all carried revolvers. Times have indeed changed and we thank you, sir, for sticking around and for being that inspirational example that we all need. Because there is no doubt that when we all grow up we want to be just like you!

Books, Books and More Books

On March 3, 2000, 77th collected over four thousand books from Royal High School and Cornerstone Community Church in Simi Valley. On March 8, 2000, this book drive donated the books to 75th Street Middle School and Loren Miller School. The leadership class at Royal High School initiated a “book service project” exclusive to the 77th Street Community Police Station's school libraries. Special thanks to Mary Katherine Albanese. Through her efforts, both the high school and the church have committed to make this an annual “spring” drive to support the division and

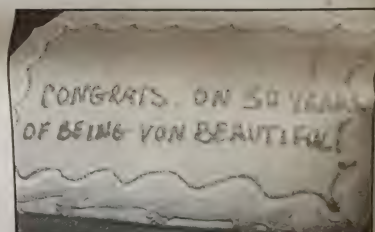
the elementary schools within the area. In addition, the Community Relations Office from Communications donated one thousand books to this endeavor. Also thanks to Lt. Mike Albanese, Sgt. Eric Holyfield, P3+1 James Lumpkin, P3 Keith Gordon, P3 Roncia McCoy, P2 Jeff Vach, P2 Joe Marrone, and P2 Jay Mastick for coordinating this event.

Divisional 2000 Commemorative Board

We are in the process of completing a divisional board for the year 2000. If you were assigned to 77th Street on January 1, 2000, we would like you to participate in this event. You can participate by using your photo that has been taken for the Departmental Yearbook, or you can retake that photo on May 17, in the Community Room. There is also a fee of \$5.00 to pay for the materials to complete this photo board. If you have any questions, please contact Sgt. Andrea Grossman.

Please No More Beans

Congratulations to Sgt. II “Momm-T” Tatreau and Det. D. C. Webb for



being named as the champions in the Baker to Vegas Chili-Cookoff fund raiser. Both were awarded with their very own cooking aprons made especially for them with the 77th Street insignia.

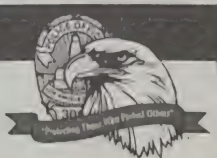
Athlete of the Month

Athlete of the month is P.M. Assistant Watch Commander Mo Batts, #23464. At the last department's bench press contest Batts, who stands 6'5", 285 pounds broke the existing record, for his class by some 100 pounds. Batts, who transferred from Southeast Area, are now an integral part of 77th Street Championship Bench Press Team. Mo is a versatile athlete who has been a professional basketball player and played professionally in Europe. Although Mo has lifted weights for a long time, he did not become a member of a championship team until he came to 77th Street. Way to go, Sarge!

Mother's Day May 14th

She loved you before she even knew you. She loved you unconditionally the minute she heard you cry for the first time, and she cried with you. You are her gift from God. Moms know that we don't have to be angels. We just have to believe, because that is all God asks of us. Moms also know that when we believe, “He” will take care of this. Call your Mom!!

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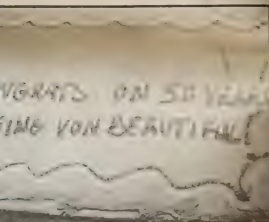
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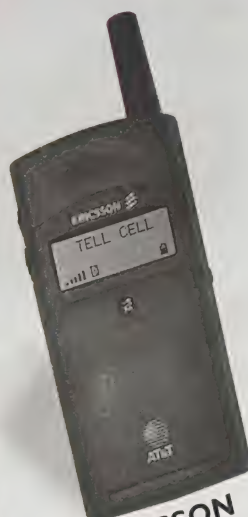
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From the Men of "D" Team

The tears usually came while driving. You couldn't anticipate when the tears would come, but they would come and would not stop. Typically, you would be by yourself when the tears came and went, but finally the tears have stopped coming. No matter how many times you asked yourself "why," you could not find a reason for why Louie died.

Louie died on March 17, 2000, the day after an accident during a SWAT training exercise at Camp Pendleton. Many of you may not have known Louie, but you should know him because it is important that you know he had such a meaningful influence on so many of our lives, both personally and professionally. The circumstances of his death are confounding to us all. There is no logical or reasonable explanation as to why and how, other than knowing that it surely must be bigger than us mere mortals. For many of us, we believed Louie was not a mere mortal, but a warrior from humble beginnings who had tremendous passion for God and country. Louie was a man's man whose passion for the Marines, Vietnam veterans and Los Angeles Police Officers was ever present.

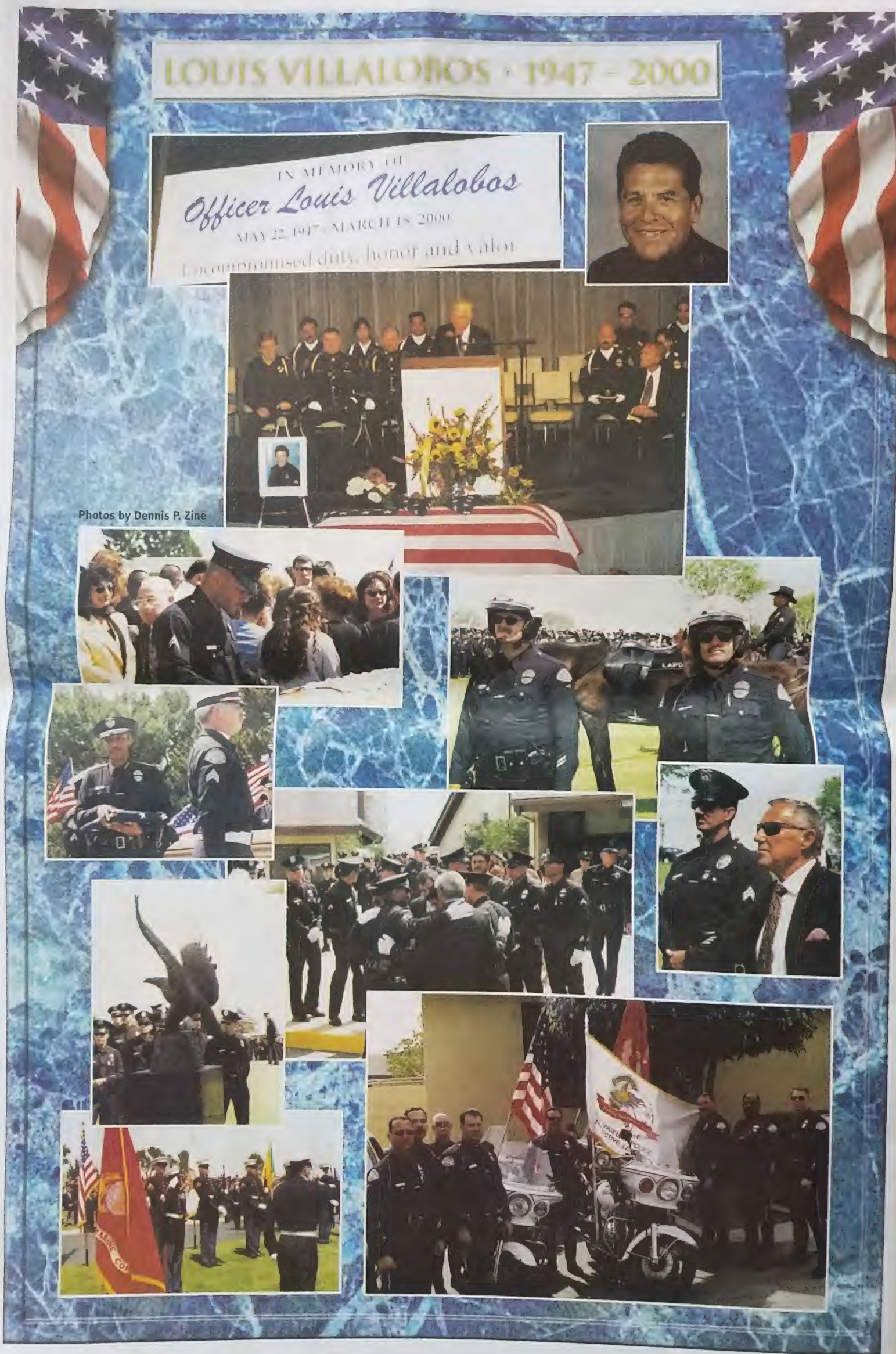
His passion for his country began when he was 17 years old, when Louie went from a student to a soldier, a young boy to a man, overnight. The Marine recruiter obviously saw Louie's passion and the "fire in his eyes" when he signed Louie into his beloved Marine Corps. And Louie



was certainly in the thick of things during his service with the Marine Corps. Two tours in Vietnam as a Forward Observer in the infantry certainly flung Louie into manhood, prepared or not. Louie saw, experienced and survived battles that were perilous for most mortals. As a teenager whose life experiences had been meager, those life experiences quickly multiplied, and he found the true meaning of personal courage and fortitude in the face of death and horror. In those formative teen years, he was decorated many times, recognition for the courage he demonstrated in the heat of battle. He was truly one of the many unrecognized heroes of the Vietnam War who had fought a battle for his country and believed that "serving," was in fact his calling. It is ironic that Louie would die on the same ground where his calling for service and self-sacrifice began. The question begs to be asked once again, "Why?"

After the war, Louie's calling to serve continued from the Marine Corps to the Los Angeles Police Department. The personal growth and survival experiences Louie brought back from the Vietnam War were shared with many of us in law enforcement. During over half of Louie's career with the Los Angeles Police Department, he was assigned to the SWAT Team. He quietly shared that honor, courage and fortitude, recognizing those attributes as qualities crucial to success when faced with life and death situations. In critical incidents, Louie knew there were victims and their families who were depending on us to make it safe for them regardless of the circumstances. Louie thrived on those challenges and embraced those missions by using his intellect, experience and courage to render the crisis safe for those in need. In the midst of a crisis, Louie was the face you looked for, to gather strength and courage. The nod of his head, the look in his eyes, gave you the inner strength and courage to move forward with the mission—with Louie there, you just knew it would be all right. It was no surprise to us when this past February Louie was honored as the SWAT Officer of the Year—a coveted honor held only by a handful of men. Louie was also recognized and honored by the Department this past year when he and others received the Department's Medal of Valor for the rescue of a mortally

received the Department's Medal of Honor.



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by Officer R
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Officer Robert Peters
Transit Rail Division

Okay, May is here, and thank all of the anti-running forces in the heavens, Baker to Vegas is once again just a memory. Or maybe not, depending upon your choice in pastimes. (You figure it out. If I have to explain it, it's not funny.)

Unfortunately, I can't tell you who won, because at press time I didn't have the official results. In fact, at press time the race was still a week in the future. (Hey, don't look at me, I didn't set the race dates.) At any rate, I'm sure we did fine.

And since we're on the subject, allow me to digress for a moment and lambast in print all of the flakes, no-loads and wimpy little so-and-so's that dropped off the TRD running team at the last minute.

I won't mention any names, but let's just say that I HAD TO RUN in your place (may the fleas of a thousand rabid dogs infest your running shorts). Okay, mebbe that was a little harsh, but imagine how harsh it was running without training! I am getting cramps just thinking about it, and I still have a week to go until race day.

I was looking forward to my usual B2V race day activities (namely drink-

ing Alabama Slammers next to the underwater volleyball courts poolside at the Rio Hotel and Casino in beautiful downtown Las Vegas). So much for my plans. Do you have any idea how hard it is to drink Alabama Slammers while running a six-mile torture course?

Well, if anyone can do it, I can. See you at the finish line.

Slugs

Well, if you haven't heard, we just got a bunch of new slugs here at Transit Rail Division. Oh wait... sorry, my bad... we just got a bunch of new slug qualified officers here at Transit Rail Division. Little typo there.

Yep, congratulations to Officers Greta "Goddess of War" Bailey, Stacey "Snow White" Ewing, and Jesse "Puffy-Muscle-Mon" West received their tac-shotgun certification, and their very own Remington 870. Frightening. (Most of the time Jesse isn't allowed to play with sharpened crayons, but the Department gave him a shotgun... and they call me crazy.)

Of course I am just funnin'. All of the officers did a wonderful job of passing a very tough course. Congratulations to all of you.

Segment "3" Opening

Okay, you know I'm hard up for material when I stoop to bragging about this, but it's hard coming up with enough to fill this article every month when nobody gives me any info. (Message!)

Yes, the new segment of the L.A. Metro Red Line is opening next month, or I should say is scheduled to open next month. We'll see.

The new stations are located at Hollywood/Highland, Universal City (on Lankershim) and Lankershim Blvd./Chandler.

So on June 24th the grand opening of Segment 3 will result in some much-needed cash O/T for those involved, we hope. So stay tuned, 'cause cash O/T in this city has gotten to be as rare as a one-legged big foot dancing the Hokey-Pokey in a tutu... or so I've heard.

Segment "4" Opening

Okay... I'm just kidding. There is no segment four. It's been a slow month... Next topic please...

Imports and Exports

Transit Rail is losing a few this month. P-2 Robert Bourbois is headed for Southeast Division. I think Rob set a record for the shortest tour in TRD. Three DPs... wow!

Sgt.-2 Carr is headed to IAG (sshhh-hhhark in the tank). Just kidding, Sarge.

P-2 Nancy McCullough is off to Continuing Education Division. Just remember the rule of 10, Nancy. Your students should be 10% smarter than the equipment that they work with... just a little hint to help you out. (No need to thank me, I'm a giver that way.)

We are receiving this month P-2 Mark Campbell from Southeast Division, and Officer Dan Taylor from Wilshire.

Officer Campbell is a H.I.T.S. instructor and a distinguished expert on the bonus.

Officer Taylor is a graduate of Southwest Patrol, Wilshire Vice and is currently thrilled to be here.

Aren't we all, Dan... aren't we all.

Enough Already

Well, that about does it for TRD this month. This one was like a battlefield, but we got through it together.

Next month I'll try to have more for you. Or maybe I won't. We'll see.

For now, though... I'm outta here.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Picturesque Performance

The annual Booster's Awards Luncheon was held recently at the Marina Beach Marriott Hotel in Marina del Rey. The event is held to honor officers and civilians for their enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to Pacific Area throughout the year. We appreciate all your efforts. Everyone enjoyed an appetizing lunch, then the recipients were presented with certificates of apprecia-



Booster Awards Recipients 2000.

tion. The following people were this year's recipients "of the year" (C-photo): Booster-Karen Gaines, Citizen-Susan Wagner, Captains Award-Sgt. Pete

Casey, Presidents Award-Marlene Greenfield, Civilian-Margaret Taylor, Reserve Officer-Thomas Flowers, Police Officers-Lester Vargas & Dennis Beacham, Detective-Thomas Vetrano, Volunteer-Julio Paige, (front row) DAPS-Marybell & Belen Barraza, and Explorer-Luis Hernandez.

A Fiery Fetch

On March 16, 2000, at 0100 hours, Pacific Area Officers Darius Lee and Vicki Magee, along with Randy Goddard and Narcisco Ortiz were conducting a traffic stop when they heard a female voice screaming for help. They looked towards the two-story apartment building to the north of their location and observed resident Delores Hubbard hanging over her two-story balcony with smoke and flames pouring out of the window behind her. The officers released the traffic violator and responded to assist Hubbard. In her panic, Hubbard advised officers that she was going to

jump. But the officers were able to calm her down, directing her to stay on the balcony where she was safe. Officer Ortiz retrieved two fire extinguishers

from the trunks of the black and whites and gave them to Lee and Goddard. While Magee and Ortiz woke all the persons in the adjoining apartment units for evacuation, Lee and Goddard located Hubbard's front door, which was completely engulfed in flames. They kicked in the door and discovered the living room to be engulfed in flames as well, which was Hubbard's only escape route. The fire was spreading rapidly, and thick black, toxic smoke filled the apartment. Without regard for their own safety, Lee and Goddard entered the apartment, through the flames, and fought the fire with the hand-held extinguishers. The fire department then arrived and completed putting out the rest of the flames. They then ventilated the apartment and allowed Hubbard to finally escape from the burnt structure with her life. Officers Lee and Goddard suffered minor smoke inhalation but were treated and released with no serious injuries. It was later revealed that the fire was purposely ignited by Hubbard's ex-boyfriend, when he poured gasoline under her front door and ignited it. Officers Lee and Goddard displayed selfless courage, bravery, and dedication and teamwork far beyond the call of duty. Without regard for personal safety, they saved a human life in the face of overwhelming odds. Officers Magee and Ortiz demonstrated their dedication to duty, quick response, and teamwork in the preservation of human life. You are all an inspiration to the men and women on this department, as well as the citizens in this community.

Women's Issues Workshop

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the (hopefully soon-to-be) semi-annual Women's Issues Workshop held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in the city of Commerce. This event was not mandatory. Instead, the first 200 persons to reply to the invitation were selected to attend, leaving a very long waiting list. There were many different issues discussed; issues which left you thinking. Commander Kelepecz discussed Preventive Care, referring to her own recent personal battle, and how the "Health View Examination" possibly saved her life. Officer Stacy Lim discussed a shooting she was involved in and how her will to survive, as well as her good physical condition, kept her alive. Sgt. II Brenda Crump (my favorite) gave a very motivational and enthusiastic look at "leadership" today and the necessary tools for leadership skills. I especially enjoyed the video she showed at the conclusion of her presentation. The video was not just phrases on the screen but things to really think about: Do something nice for someone without them knowing it was you, take time to smell the roses, don't tailgate, call your mother, just to list a few. A wonderful, insightful doctor spoke about cancer, Sgt. II Sandy Jo MacArthur spoke about meditation skills, and keynote speaker Elaine Lasnik-Broida spoke about networking skill on the job. After the presentations, we assembled into breakout sessions and discussed different points of view amongst each other. This workshop was a wonderful opportunity, providing insightful information and assistance with career advancement and enhancement. If you get the chance to go in the future I strongly recommend it! Within hours of leaving this event, I had already made some career decisions and changes in my life, changes definitely for the better! GO!

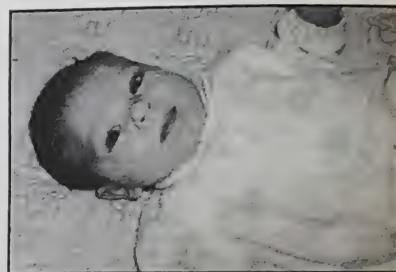
Gun Buy-Back

On Saturday, April 1, 2000, we held a gun buy-back put on by Mark Twain Middle School's Peer Mediators, and

funded by L.A. Bridges. A couple hundred people showed up for the event, turning in a total of 68 guns. Chief Parks, as well as City Council Member Ruth Galanter were on hand to support the worthy occasion, which went from 1100 to 1430 hours. Everyone involved worked very hard from beginning to end: officers, reserve officers, Explorers, property officer seals, records clerk Maureen Tuli, and Pacific Area mechanics. (I apologize if I missed anyone.)

Centurions Do Their Own Enforcing

The Centurions football game against the San Diego Enforcers on March 25, 2000, qualifies as one of the best games of the season so far. Motivated by their loss against the San Diego team last year (14-9), the Centurions defeated the Enforcers 48-10, in a battle of will. They were determined, therefore they conquered! Great job, guys. Don't miss



Jack Andrew Ferry, born 1/2/2000, 7 lbs. 9 oz.

their next game against the Fire Department on Saturday, May 13, 2000.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Sgt. David Ferry and his wife, Linda, who had a baby boy, Jack Andrew, on January 2, 2000. He weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long. Congratulations also to Officer Bryan Lium and his wife, Debbie, who had twins on February 17, 2000. Dylan Bryan weighed in at 4 pounds, 4 ounces, and his little sister, Danielle Alexandra, weighed 4 pounds, 3 ounces. Best of luck to the new parents!

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to the following people who were recently promoted: Captain I James Miller of our OSD has



Promotion party for: P-3 Theresa Skinner, Sgt. Greg Staats, P-3+1 Dennis Beacham, and P-3 Phelps.

promoted to Capt. II at WTD; my classmate, Kimberly Kempton, was promoted to Sergeant and went to VNYS; Sgt. David Ferry made Motor Sergeant and is headed to WTD; and Officer Susan Chiang was promoted to P-3 at HARB.

Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Recently promoted Capt. Paulette Herman, Det. C. Hill in from CENT, Sgt. Strong in from CENT (to LAX), Officer Noggle in from 77th, Officer Dease over from WVAL, and new P-1 Officer Persell.

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who have left Pacific Area: Officers Cammack, Herrera, and Mendoza who all went to 77th, and Officer Meredith who went to SW

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by Ruben "FTD" Rodriguez
Hollenbeck Division

Happy May, everyone. Hope your Baker to Vegas hangover has worn off. Don't forget to attend and support this year's annual Los Angeles Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament.

Retirement Bash

A great time was had by all when Hollenbeck officers and friends gathered to honor two long-time Hollenbeck residents and to send them off into retirement leisure in style. A retirement dinner was held at the new Monterey Hill Steak House in honor of Officers Phil "Fishbelly" Moriel and Benson Young, as they move on to life's other challenges. The roasting and comedy entertainment was, of course, provided by Officers Alex Ortiz and Jaime "the Happy Indian" Garcia. It was great seeing old time Hollenbeck alumni at this function, such as Sgt. Ron "I can't hear you" Shoop. By the way, George "Pelon" Spitzer, where are you? And, oh yes, I promised my old partner and friend, Marco Saenz, that I would mention him since I failed to address him in my column when he left Hollenbeck. Marco, good luck and don't forget your old friends as you move up the ladder of success. Phil and Ben, good luck in the

future and may nothing but the best come your way. Congratulations on your retirement.

Movin' on Up

Congratulations go out to Officer Cynthia Gonzales, on her selection as Hollenbeck's newest Senior Lead Officer. Cynthia replaced the now-retired Donna Norton and she is a welcome addition to the Senior Lead Office.

Pat on the Back

I would like to acknowledge Reserve Officer Todd Spitzer (no, he is not George's illegitimate son). On March 25, the Los Angeles Police Department



Reserve Officer Todd Spitzer, OCB Reserve Officer of the Year.

gathered to recognize the "best of the best" among its Reserve force. Reserve Officer Todd Spitzer was honored as Hollenbeck's Reserve Officer of the Year and this was followed by Officer

Spitzer also being named Operations Central Bureau's Reserve Officer of the Year. These awards are indicative of the caliber of personnel assigned to Hollenbeck's Reserve Unit. Todd, thanks for all your hard work and dedication and congratulations on your awards. They are well deserved.

Baby Announcement

On March 17th, fellow detectives held a baby shower for Det. Dan Jaramillo, whose wife is expecting a child. What's



Detective Dan Jaramillo enjoying the gifts at his baby shower.

wrong with this picture? I thought the baby shower was supposed to be given for the expectant mother-to-be? Oh well, who am I to ask? Dan, congratulations on your upcoming family addition and make sure you let us know when the new bundle of joy arrives.

More Baby Stuff

A while back SLO Richard Rodriguez advised of some new arrivals in his family but I forgot to include them

in earlier issues, so here they are: It seems that Richard's two daughters have provided him with grandchildren #7 and #8. On July 21, 1999, daughter Misty Moreno gave birth to baby Brittany, who weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Not to be outdone, daughter Nannette Rocha, wife of Newton Division Officer Ed Rocha, welcomed baby Hanna on October 2, 1999. Baby Hanna weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds, 8 ounces. According to Richard, daughters Misty and Nannette are having a race and that's the reason for the eight grandchildren. No wonder Richard has not been able to retire. He has to keep working to be able to afford buying presents for all those kids.

Welcome

I would like to extend a big Hollenbeck welcome to Sgt. A. Cota, who promoted in from Metropolitan Division. P-3 R. Contreras is here via Southwest. We have only one recruit officer joining us from the Academy. Please welcome P-1 T. Nordquist, who incidentally, is my new trainee. Welcome to all of you, and as many before you have done you will enjoy your stay at Hollenbeck.

Goodbye

We bid farewell to Sgt. David Carter, now assigned to North Hollywood. We also say so long to another "FTD"-trained officer, Shannon Geaney, who is now protecting the citizens of 77th Division.

Que Paso?

This month's salute goes out to my good buddy, Larry "Cholo Cop" Garcia. What's up, homey?

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

Ins-Outs-N-Ups

Time again to seek and find those newly arrived officers. Look, over there is Sgt. A. Balter in from Metro, and I see Sgt. E. Baptiste from WVAL. Congrats on your recent promotions to sergeant. In detectives I see newly promoted Det. J. Camarillo at the burglary table.

A lot of P-3s sneaked in, like B. Trask from Foothill, A. Weiner from NHWD, and B. Brockway from TRSG. And P-2s J. McSorley from VB, R. Klorh newly promoted P-3 from FTHL. Sneaking out is Sgt. B. Blackstone to FTHL, and P-2s M. Anderson to Rampart and M. Carl gone to S/E.

Promoting from within and staying are Detective IIs John Thacker and Tom Chevolek. Hooray for you guys!!

Police and Fire Join Hands

On March 13, 2000, Officers and firefighters gathered for the 2nd annual Police vs. Fire Paintball Challenge to benefit LAPD Sergeant Art Holmes.



Paintball Games Benefit-Sgt. Art Holmes.

and L.A. City Firefighter Mark Gilcrest. Both were involved in separate serious traffic accidents, paralyzing them. The Paintball challenge was played at the "field of fire" course in the city of Newhall. Participating were 125 brave day-warriors.

Sgt. Art Holmes and his wife and son attended the event, but unfortunately the L.A. city firefighter is still in critical care and was not able to attend. Art vowed that he will walk again and spent the day watching the day-warriors who were equipped with semi-auto guns,

full-face mask, and a thousand rounds of Paintballs. The games continued every 20 minutes and everyone reported having a great time. The weather was perfect, with blue skies and sunshine.

Lunch was served by the Santa Maria Barbecue Company, owned by our own PSR Karen Bowie and her brother-in-law Jim Rodriguez. Thank you Karen and Jim—lunch was great. After lunch the drawing was held, at the field, with the grand prize (along with other prizes) of two round-trip tickets to Paris, donated by Bridgett Armand, General Manager AOM French Airlines. They were won by Sgt. Bryan Wong and his fiancée. A very nice honeymoon trip!

A very special thank you is handed to Officer Jeff Beck, Det. Floyd Toledo, and Sgt. Robert Von Voight, for their efforts in putting the event together. A thank you is also handed to the many other volunteers who give their time and efforts in making this day such a wonderful success. Without all of you who participated in this event, the raising of over \$8,400 for these two special people wouldn't have been possible. Thanks to the following for their generous support: Billy Ski and Surf, Hollywood Bowl, L.A. Fire Credit Union, L.A. Police Credit Union, L.A. Police Revolver and Athletic Club, Sartoma Foundation, Soundman and Zero Enclosures.

Birth

Arrue and his wife are proud to announce that they are the new parents



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RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Douglas P. Larkin
Employee Opportunity and
Development Division

Back to traveling, I have some updates for all of you. Bakersfield 183, Colorado 400+, Fresno 200, and Chicago 750+. We tested over 2,300



Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Colorado-Deputy Bernard Harris, Sheriff Steve Zotos (ex LA County Sheriff Deputy), Ofcr. Keith Dulick, Ofcr. Frank Bannelos, Sgt. Troy McCarty, and Capt. Bill Walker.

potential candidates just out of state for this month. Great job recruitment! By the time you read this, tell your friends that live in the following areas that we will be there to test: Virginia, New Mexico, El Paso, Bakersfield again, and Oklahoma City.

The newly signed bonus that will be given to LAPD officers is almost official. If somebody you know gets hired at your recommendation, you will receive a \$200 bonus by the city. What a bargain!

Our section would like to congratulate Officer Tracy McClanahan, #30131, on her promotion to PIII at the Police Commission. Good luck and happy writing!

We are also getting a little more supervision in our section as well. Sgt. Kara Silverstein, #26987, is coming all the way up from the Harbor, but don't call us to get a hold of her, she will be traveling all over the country all the time. Too bad we can't take advantage of frequent flyer miles.

We are also getting Officer Jessamyn Morales, #32882, from Foothill. She is taking the place of Tracy and is already scheduled for several trips. Pack your bags, Jess.

I know that I have said this before, but I think that it is good to say again. We are very well received all over the country from other law enforcement agencies and citizens alike. If you notice in the picture provided, other officers are very happy to see our badge and ask us all kinds of crazy questions. Be safe and happy recruitment to all of you. Recruitment Section 323 957 4529 or e-mail joinlapd@aol.com.

of a baby girl who was born on 3/22/00 at 0800 hours. Her name is Amanda. She weighed in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. She is in perfect condition and her mother is doing great. This information was offered by her godparent, Ortiz.

Sports - Softball

On March 15, 2000, it all began at Hjelte Park in the Valley. From the

The upcoming season has another full schedule of Thursday day games at Eagle Rock Park. Then the season comes full circle with the Red Davis Tournament later at Balboa and Hjelte Park.

Stan Has Left

So how many times in your life have you had the opportunity to witness a major split-up? Here at Hollywood we just did. Not it was not an earthquake.



Stan Cochran and Dean Anderson.

It was the sergeant's comedy team known here as Stan Cochran and Dean Anderson. It's true, Sgt. Stan Cochran has moved up and out of here. He leaves Hollywood as a man remembered both for his hard work ethics and his comedy routines at special events like our Christmas parties and retirements. We all join in to wish Stan a happy future in his new adventures. Don't forget your last chance to see this comedy team will be on June 2, 2000, at the Academy, at Stan's own retirement party.

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first pitch at 0815 until the last out at 1645, your Hollywood softball team dominated the annual department softball preseason tournament. Showing no mercy, they trampled over six divisional teams by outscoring them 118 to 48 runs.

Let me introduce our team: (back) Tom Chevolek, Michael Pelletier, Michael Rimkunas, Doug Winger, Chris Anderson, Gary Kakaua, Chuck Moore and Brien Pogue. (front) Richard Bengtson, Michael Seguin, Hector Diaz, Joey Reyna, Carlos Barrios, Isaac Reyes, Floyd Toledo, and Michael Snowden (not show in photo).



by C. Merlo
Rampart Division

Rampart History

Recently I visited the famous Ambassador Hotel. The Ambassador Hotel is located at 3400 Wilshire Blvd. on the south side of the street. The hotel was first built in 1921 at the cost of \$10 million. The hotel was a cafe, post office, bank, candy store, bar and many other small stores. The Ambassador has approximately 500 rooms and bungalows with an indoor heated pool. The hotel was in use until 1989. The Ambassador has since changed hands many times and is up for sale for \$100 million.

The Ambassador gained fame in 1968 when former U.S. Attorney General and Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated in the kitchen. A Rampart unit was the first LAPD unit on scene. The hotel was a popular spot for C-7 to many LAPD officers. Over the past few years the hotel has been used extensively by the movie companies and the location also has been used as a Rampart Division training site. The employees of the Ambassador wish to say hello to Ed Gomez and all Rampart officers.

In the Line of Duty

In a fierce game between Rampart softball team and VTD on 3/15/00, Officer **Brian Miyakawa** sacrificed his body defending his base. Officer Miyakawa sustained a muscle injury to his left arm and is expected to make a full recovery.

IOD Corner

Lt. Lomedico has been on extended IOD leave due to a shoulder injury, which resulted in surgery. The lieutenant is reported as doing well and should return to work by the time this article is printed. Rampart wishes the best to the lieutenant and a speedy recovery.

New Baby Boy

On 3/9/00, Frank and Audrey Galindo became the proud parents of a baby boy who was named Ethan Wyatt Galindo. Ethan arrived in this world on the morning of March 9, 2000, at 5:16 a.m. Ethan weighed in at 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches. We wish the best to the parents and little Ethan. Congratulations!

Who's New in Rampart!

Rampart would like to welcome Sgt. **D. Bunch, L. Powell, J. Franco, J. Eastburn, J. Mann, M. Anderson, K. Bougere, D. Velasco, R. January, R. Galvan.** Also, congratulations to Det. **Pere** who returns to Rampart as a D-2.

Thanks to the following officers, who are leaving Rampart, for their hard work. Det. **Davis**, who is reverting back to sergeant, Sgt. **Dunnet**, Det. **Williams, R. Brown, M. Vargas, J. Bisbee, M. Rivas, B. Hill, O. Seliktar, D. Tran, P. Tulagan.**



by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

Recently Chief Parks awarded our Captain **Kim** the highly coveted "Department Management Achievement



CI "Extraordinaire" Chris Smythe.

Award." When asked about the award the Captain promptly stated, "I didn't win the award, the division did." What a guy!

We like to offer a friendly welcome to Sgt. **Ferry** from Pacific and Officers **Tilson** from 77th, **Tran** and **Tulagan** from Rampart, and **Chan** and **Dacus** from South Traffic.

We bid a fond farewell to Officers **Kinji** and **Alvarez** who are going to



The Debonair Sal Jaramillo.

Training Division. Officer **Williams**, who is off to Narco Division, and **Hazel Higgins**, who's traveling to Newton Division. You guys will be missed.



The Venerable Phil Okamoto.

And now from the pen of the venerable **Phil Okamoto**, "An easy task becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance. Moral of the story—avoid all difficult tasks!!" Thank you, old wise one!

From a real "Tex-Mex," happy Cinco del Mayo!

1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro Montes
Northeast Division

The Training Cadre of Northeast Division will be without one of their most dependable and reliable officers, effective April the 22nd. Officer **Alex Poulson** (#20169) is retiring after more than 26-1/2 years of dedicated and professional service to the LAPD. Alex entered the LAPD Academy as a recruit officer back on July 9, 1973. All of your friends wish you health, happiness and about 50 years worth of city pension.

Bouncing Bundle of Joy

Congratulations from all of us to **Robert and Adriana Gonzalez** on the birth of their first child. They were blessed with **Amanda Camille** on March 10 at 0832 hours. Amanda weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19-3/4 inches in length. Father, mother and newborn are all doing well.

Divisional Inspection

Northeast Division personnel had their divisional inspection at the rear of the station on Wednesday, March 29th. All personnel in attendance are to be commended for their preparation, dedication and appearance. The personnel (you know who you are) who prepared the interior and exterior of the station for the inspection are to be commended for an outstanding job. Your time and hard work definitely paid off. A special thank you goes out to Mr. **Arturo Sandoval** (vice president of F.A.R. Signs

Inc.) for the mural that was painted at the station. Mr. Sandoval is the father of Northeast Sgt. **Art Sandoval**.

10851 Award

Arrest six GTA suspects, recover six stolen vehicles in a 12-month period and you will receive the Auto Club 10851 Award. Officer **Aquiles Morales** (#33055) and Officer **Hector Olivera** (#33064) were the recent recipients of



Aquiles Morales, #33055.



Hector Olivera, #33064.

this award. They are both pictured receiving their awards from Northeast Auto D-3 **Mike Valenciana** and a CHP lieutenant. Congratulations to both of these officers on their hard work.

Promotions

The following employees are to be commended for their recent paygrade advancements: Sgt.-1 **M. Kelly** (VNY), P-3+1 **S. Grace** (remains), P-3 **J. Healy** (NHWD), and **G. Goodyear** P2+2

(VTD). Best of luck to all of you on your new assignments.

Bienvenidos

Welcome to P-2 **D. Martinez** from 77th, P-2 **M. Rivas** from RAMP and recruit **P. Martinez** from Training. We hope you enjoy your new home away from home.

Adios

A big Northeast Division thank you to the following outgoing officers on their contributions to the division while they were here: Sgt. **B. Stanford** (WIL), Det. **C. Heaton** (RMD), P-2 **L. Jurado** (NEWT), and P-2 **B. Ashley** (VNY). Take care and good luck.

Diamond Update

On Thursday, March 30th, the Northeast #1 softball team opened their 2000 softball season against the always tough squad from Rampart Division. It took extra innings but Northeast prevailed 14-11. The Northeast #2 squad opened their season two days earlier against Central Division. Central Division was victorious on this day 12-5. In their second game of the young season, Northeast won on a forfeit by Wilshire Division.

Sergeant of the Year

Sgt. **Zimmie Williams** (#23322) has been selected as Northeast Area's

Sergeant of the Year for 1999. Sgt. Williams is a veteran officer with more than 18 years of service with the LAPD. He is a reliable and trustworthy supervisor with strong convictions and integrity. Zimmie possesses the qualities necessary to be a field supervisor, mentor, tutor and coach. He is a caring supervisor who will go the extra mile for anyone. He volunteers to sit on entry level boards and has given his time to prepare officers for promotion. He has helped officers promote to P-3 and P-3+1 through his seminars. Zimmie has done a great job of promoting morale by coordinating with officers to compete in both the Camp Pendleton Mud Run and the LAPD Bench Press Contest. He is an energetic "team player" who takes on any and all assignments. He provides his officers with guidance, directions and the knowledge required to do their job as best as possible. Zimmie possesses energy which is contagious and his versatility make him a very deserving selection as Northeast Area's Sergeant of the Year.

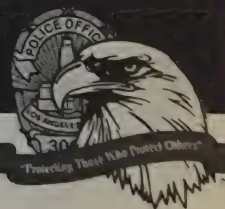
Final Word

That wraps it up for this month's news. If you have anything you want printed in the Blue Line, just place it in my mail slot in the report writing room. Have a great DP and c-ya next month.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

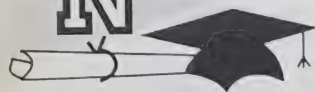
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

ACADEMY NEWS



by David Koeh
Training Division

Baker to Vegas

The Training Division/Air Support Division Team participated in this year's Baker to Vegas Run. Continuing Education Division officers also assisted as alternate runners/support personnel. We would like to thank members of CED in joining us for this year's event. The results will be posted in next month's article.

New Deliveries

Officer **Brian Arnett** of the Legal Training Unit and his wife, Sgt. **Kelly Arnett** of 77th Division are the proud



Officer Kathy Bell.

parents of Neil Walter Arnett. Neil was born in April. Their newborn measured 21 inches and weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Congratulations to both of you! Det. **Timothy Bell** and Officer **Kathy Bell** of the Recruit Training Section are the proud parents of their second child, Alan Eugene Bell. Alan was born in March. Alan measured 20 inches and weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Congratulations! We at Training Division provided a baby shower for Kathy (see attached photograph). Kathy insisted on creating this makeshift hat that she is wearing in this photo!

Promotions and Transfers

Congratulations to Officers **Kathy Weigel** (Recruit Coordination Training Unit) and **David Javier** (Firearms



Detective Kathy Weigel.

Training Unit). Both of them promoted to the rank of detective. Det. Weigel is now assigned to Narcotics Division, while Det. Javier is located at West Valley Detectives. Congratulations!

Sgt. **Surette** (Devonshire Division), Officers **Brown** (Rampart Division), **Chacon** (Southeast Division), **Alvarez** (West Traffic Division), and **Kingi** (West Traffic Division) have been transferred to Training Division. Welcome! ❖

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West LA Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

What can you say about Starbucks? How did we ever survive the days before there were grande cappuccinos, nonfat vente lattes, or foo foo frappuccinos with whipped cream? Whatever happened to a good old cup of Joe? Ask me next time I'm standing in line for a grande cappuccino!



WLA P3 April Allbrook-Archer - now WLA Alumni.

On your mark, get set, GO! (But by the time you read this they will have already gone.) Who, you might ask? Why, the WEST L.A. Baker to Vegas team, of course. Headed up by Sgt. **Terry Brinkmeyer**, runners included: **Brian Gallagher**, **Sandra Donoway**, **Orlando Chandler**, **Juvey Mejia**, **Daryl Norwood**, **Joan Leuck**, **Nathan "Surfer Joe" Ewert**, **Eric Barrera**, **Marty Mojarro**, **Sherrie-Lynn Andersen**, **Yolanda Caterino**, **Mike Morisseau**, **Angel Suliveres**, **Paul Corralejo**, **John Twine**, **Mark Stainbrook**, **George Khoury**, **Craig Lally**, **Heather Vanstone** and **Phil Enbody**. So far Sgt. **Orlando "The Rocket" Chandler** has been leading the

pack in trial runs. "He is fast, very fast" said team captain **Brinkmeyer**. Next time, the results.

April Allbrook Archer worked as a police officer for 7-1/2 years in Baltimore before joining the LAPD. April stated that her husband's kids brought her to California from Baltimore. She has plans for promoting "as high as the department will allow her to go." She would like to be the Chief of Police! By the time you read this, April will have transferred to the West Valley division which is closer to home and also happens to be where her husband works. She will be missed. Officer Allbrook-Archer once responded to Kaiser Hospital to take an elderly male home. He was 96 years old and when they arrived at the home they found that the son at the location had urinated and defecated on himself. They were living in a dirty house and she said she could not leave the old man in the house under those conditions. After calling several nursing homes she finally found a location on a Sunday that would take him in, which is unusual for a Sunday. Arrangements were made for Adult Services to come over on Monday or Tuesday to set things up. Archer visited him daily and said he was very sharp for 96 years. His family sent her a large gift basket in appreciation for her effort of going the extra mile. April phoned her mom in Baltimore to tell her what had happened.

Alex Rodriguez was born in the Philippines where they called him "the Giant." At the age of 3 he was taller than most adults. He joined the LAPD he said because "I knew there would be 250 career choices and I knew I could be anything but bored." His current assignment has been the day watch desk where his dry sense of humor has shown him to be of definite desk material. He will be purchasing a new home after the new contract arrives as he has been hoping for a 10% raise. He has also been looking forward to his vacation where, "in protest of Jimmy Carter's return of the canal to Panama, I will be sailing from L.A. to Florida on a two-person boat via the Panama Canal. Photo not available." ❖

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by Al Labrada
Southeast Division

Southeast Area would like to express our condolences to the family of **Lou Villalobos** on his recent passing. Lou was and always will be a member of the SWAT team. Most of us on this Department for tactical training.

Happy birthday to all our Southeast article who have May. Congratulations to the employees who were selected in each respective category. Department employees were their teamwork, leadership, commitment to duty, attention and the overall ability to work with other employees: Officer **Quarter—P.O. III Jeron** #30379; Patrol Supervisor **Quarter—Sgt. James Alva** Detective of the Quarter—**Tsunawaki**, #26708; Supervisor of the Quarter—**Bazan**, #24383; Civilian Employee of the Month—Senior Clerk **T. Sanders**, #C9222.



Employees of the Quarter: (L-R) II Alvarez and Capt. C. Beck.

History in Southeast

On or about March 1 Southeast Division experienced an unprecedented demonstration of speed, skill, tenacity and a lot of humor. **Goens** and Officer **Walt** were in Detectives discussing culinary and machismo. They had the P-1s in awe. They talked about the heroism they had



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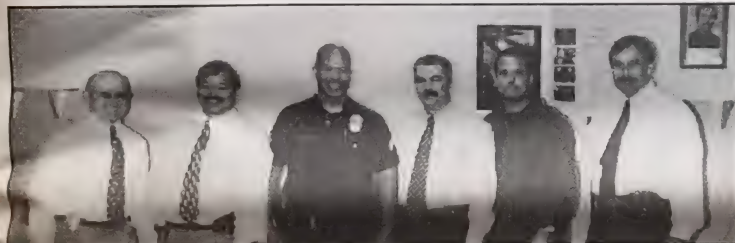
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18 SOUTHEAST

by Al Labrada
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Employees of the Quarter: (L-R) Capt. R. Bonneau, Det-I Tsunawaki, P-III Walker, Det-II Bazan, Sgt. II Alvarez and Capt. C. Beck.

History in Southeast

On or about March 1 Southeast Area experienced an unprecedented demonstration of speed, skill, tenacity, motivation and a lot of humor. SLO Randy Goens and Officer Walt McMahon were in Detectives discussing their masculinity and machismo. The war stories had the P-Is in awe. They told stories about the heroism they have demon-

strated and the actions they have taken. The talk turned into challenges and then it happened. Randy challenged Walt to a friendly race that soon turned into a historic event of great magnitude. First a tactical alert was called, and then code alpha of all citywide units was put out. A press release was put out to the media, but since it did not involve misconduct the media did not respond. The challenge was whipped up into frenzy. Officer Mary O'Callaghan set up a track with the starting point being the Southeast Wash Racks and the finish being the Tower (the radio tower, not the Watts Tower). Officer Sammy Murrillo was sworn in as the official of the race. A starting gate was set up, track was marked by tape and the preparations made. The forms demonstrated by these two masters of fitness would have made any Olympian proud. The gun went off (not a real one) and Walt McMahon took the lead with Randy Goens a mere six feet behind. With a burst of adrenaline and with that eye of the tiger, Randy Goens pulled it off winning the race, proving that we SLOs are not all slow. After getting off the respirators and



Southeast Morning Watch bids farewell to Sergeant Tony Rosa.

computer-generated cartoons obtained from human memory files. They have both profited by new sponsorship (i.e., Waistslim Inc., Gut-B-Gone Inc. and Slim Industries). Someone was heard muttering the now popular chant around here: "The SLO that can go."

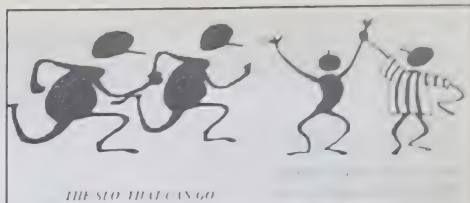
Sergeant Anthony M. Rosa, #14327, Retires

If you have worked Southeast, 77th, or Harbor during the last 20 years, chances are you have come across Sgt. Tony Rosa. Sgt. Rosa was a model supervisor who was well liked, respected and looked up to by both his peers and subordinates. He started his career with the Department on July 14, 1968, after having been honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. He successfully completed the Academy and was assigned to University Division as a Police Officer. On January 1, 1971, he was promoted to Police Officer III where he remained until October 29, 1972, when he was promoted to Sergeant of Police. He received a

Sergeant-II position on September 28, 1975, and then went to Planning and Research on July 1, 1979. He then returned to being what he was best known as—one of the best street supervisors. He went to Harbor Division on June 28, 1981, where he made many friends and earned much respect. He came north to Southeast Division on August 7, 1994, where he stayed until his retirement on March 26, 2000. He was a friend, supervisor, and most importantly a member of the Southeast family. Tony leaves just short of the 32-year mark. You will be missed and always remembered. Good luck, Tony!

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Southeast Golf polo shirt (light gray) - \$25.00.

Southeast 20-year pin - \$3.00.

Southeast 108th Street-Tower hat - \$12.00.

Baker to Vegas Southeast 2000 running shirt - \$13.00.

Southeast jogging jacket 108th Street logo - \$35.00; and matching pants - \$10.00.

Congratulations to Officer Robert Yanez who became a dad on December 8, 1999, 10 pounds, 22 inches. Bria Nikol Yanez and parents are doing fine.

Ins and Outs

I would like to welcome into Southeast the following employees: P-II M. Carl (HWD), P-II M. Mack (NEW), P-II M. Sabbatella (TBD), P-II R. Burbois (TRD), and P-I R. Yanez (TD).

Congratulations on promotions to new Det.-I J. Camarillo (HWD), Det.-I L. Powell (RAMP), P-III J. Chacon (TD) and staying at Southeast our newest P-III Laura Chao.

Farewell to P-III S. Reyes (TSS), P-II S. Gordon-Hayes (RMD), P-II N. Lovin (STD), P-II M. Campbell (TRD) and PSR A. Leon-Boyd (STD). Good luck to all of you.

Be safe to all of you and remember if you have announcements, stories, capers or anything you want to pass on, send it to Southeast, attention SLO Al Labrada.

Next Issue

1. New Jersey murder fugitive leads Southeast coppers on 140-mile, 2-1/2 long ride that ends in San Diego; 2. Baker to Vegas photos and stories, hopefully that will be all; 3. 20-year employees in Southeast will be recognized; 4. More Southeast commendable capers.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The following comes from the files of the Bank Squad. On January 26, 2000, a series of armed bank robberies began in the Valley area of Los Angeles. Based on information obtained from the investigations, RHD Bank Squad detectives were able to identify the suspect. The detectives launched an intensive media campaign in an attempt to obtain leads on the suspect's whereabouts. Even though the suspect's picture had been plastered all over Los Angeles County, he continued with his crime spree which had now reached five armed bank robberies. The detectives kept up their relentless pursuit and obtained information that the suspect was possibly visiting a female who resided in an apartment in Northridge.

RHD detectives requested the assistance of the Operations-Valley Bureau, Major Crime Violator Task Force (MCVTF). For you retired Bank Squad detectives this is the politically correct name for COBRA. On February 28, MCVTF Officers Avila, #31275, and Cabrera, #31097, responded to RHD and developed a tactical plan to stakeout and arrest the suspect. On March 3, as the MCVTF tactically deployed around the apartment complex, they observed the suspect enter a vehicle. A license check of this vehicle showed it to be a reported stolen from Pasadena. The officers attempted to conduct a felony stop after the vehicle was a safe distance from the apartment complex. The suspect refused to stop forcing the officers to go in pursuit.

The pursuit continued onto the freeway when the officers requested the assistance of the CHP. The pursuit, which was now being televised (what a novel idea in L.A.), terminated in the Mojave Desert, Kern County, where the suspect was taken into custody without incident. The officers recovered over \$12,000 in stolen U.S. currency along with a wig that was used by the suspect in several robberies.

We at RHD would like to commend the below listed officers for their professional actions, observation skills, attention to duty and use of solid tactics which resulted in the arrest of this bad guy.

Great job to: Sgt. Armelin, #21794; Sgt. Artes, #26956; and Officers Friedrich, #30946; Dunlop, #31806; Amado, #30744; Soto, #30608; Dominik, #26550; Munoz, #27719; Avila, #31275; Cabrera, #31097; Marquez, #26670; Vasquez, #32829; Gutierrez, #32545; and Para, #33625

RHD Family Business

Congratulations to Donna Corrales for being promoted to Senior Clerk Typist. Donna resides in the back room with Robbery Specials and the Bank Squad. She is the person that keeps everything in order, distributes our department updates and property dispo's as well as serves as our communications officer with the FBI and all LAPD units that respond to bank robberies. P.S., we're all glad that you were able to stay in the unit.

Farewell to D-II Paul Robi. Bank Squad, who is turning in his business suit for an armored suit. Paul is leaving us for his new career at the Bomb Squad with the rank of D-I+3. Good luck and don't cut the red wire, I think. Or is it the white wire? Whatever it is, be safe in your new assignment.

Future Events

Okay, I know that I've been telling you this for the past few months. The RHD family/reunion steak-fry is just one month away. June 10th is the day. We need you to RSVP and pay no later than June 1st. Contact Otis Marlow at (213) 485-2129. If he is not there ask for Jimmy Fountain or Charlie Stubbs in the Bank Squad. Make the checks payable to the RHD Summit Fund (\$20 per adult and \$7 for children under 13). Send them to RIID, 150 North Los Angeles Street, L.A., CA 90012, room 321. We are looking forward to having a great time. We have sent out letters to Air Support, K-9s and Historic Society for their participation. We are also looking into having a photographer there for a group picture. The event starts at 1200 hours and we plan to have the group photograph around 1300 hours. Note: Specify steak or chicken, please.

Quote of the month: From Lt. Clay Farrell Homicide Specials, "I'm one bitchin' dude."

Until next time, BE SAFE.



TRANSIT BUS

by Lupita Alaniz
Transit Bus Division

It's spring time! Time to enjoy the outdoors. I went on my first spring mountain bike ride recently. The only word that comes to mind to describe the outing is "incredible." I thought I might receive war wounds from a nice spill coming down the mountain. You know, something to be proud of, talk about, and show to others. But instead, I took a good spill as I tried to remount my bike after taking a break from a particularly grueling climb. Pretty ironic! Although I was out in the middle of nowhereville, I still looked around to see if anyone saw my gracefulness on my bike. If anyone is interested on going on a bike ride, get hold of me. I work day watch. We can check out all the beautiful local trails up in the Santa Monica Mountains. (Hey this might work better than the personals!) If you would like any information on trails for hikes or bike rides in order to stay in shape for the job, e-mail me or leave me a message at the station.

There is lots more to do than engage in a "stare-out" with your television screen when you have the beautiful weather we've been having! Here are a couple of suggestions that I have enjoyed recently for some outside activities that are both fun and good exercise. The Santa Monica 4th Street stairs can be challenging. Lots of motivating people to keep you going, and... lots of stairs! However, it's really the beautiful view at sundown that will bring you back a second time. If you have more of a slow twitch muscle, you may want to take a nice, relaxing run down San Vicente. If you start at Bundy and run to the beach, there's about 10-12 miles, one way. Enjoy the run to the beach, but be aware that the run back to Bundy is a very slight incline that may wear on those just starting to run. The plus is that there are lots of beautiful trees around and active people to stimulate motivation, and remember it's good exercise. Regardless of what you choose to do, enjoy this wonderful weather while it lasts!

Just a few words about the Mobile Digital Terminals we recently had installed in some of our police vehicles. It's about time!! What an incredible difference it makes when you don't have to ask the RTO five times to repeat the phonetical spelling of a name or address that you couldn't audibly catch.

Caper of the Month

Officers Jorge Gonzalez and Javier Bernal were conducting bus boarding in the area of Temple and Hill Street. When they boarded bus #4567, line 424, and asked the operator if he had any problems on the bus. The operator immediately pointed to a female patron. The officers could see that the passenger was

very upset and trembling. When they approached the passenger to investigate, she told Officers Gonzalez and Bernal that while she was waiting for the bus at 4th and Hill Street two men had approached her. They told her they would give her \$100 for sexual favors. When she refused, both men grabbed her by the hair and shoulders and attempted to force her into a taxi cab. The passenger said she began to scream at the taxi driver that she did not know these men and that she needed help. The taxi driver drove away with the passenger inside before the two men were able to enter the vehicle. The taxi driver drove her several blocks away and let her out so that she could board another bus and contact police. The officers quickly obtained the suspects' descriptions and did a follow-up to the original bus bench only to find the two predators still there. Both were arrested for "attempt kidnapping." Good job!

On Camera

Officers Todd Waymire and Jose Martinez were reviewing video surveillance footage of graffiti crimes that had occurred on bus #6483. The footage captured four unsuspecting culprits who, thinking that they were unseen, destroy the inside of the bus by tagging it with their monikers. Unknown to them, the bus camera captured the whole thing! Due to the new updated technical equipment on the buses and the expertise that the officers have in tagging crews/gangs. The officers were able to identify and arrest all four suspects (GINX, JESTR, MENT, and RCOME). The foursome are known all over the city of Los Angeles for their so called "art work." Some of these guys even have their own Web site.

Birthday Wishes!!

Happy birthday to Sgt. Lockett and Officer J. Kniss. We'll be looking forward to hearing the date of the get-together (BBQ at your place). For those of you I have forgotten, I am sorry. Always remember "age is not important, unless you're a cheese... or a wine."

Bus Division Exiting

So long Officer Eric Melendez. I know you'll be joining your old partner, Buck, in 77th Division (scary thought). So I guess that means no C-7 at your favorite spot. Oh yeah, you guys are all "burnt out on that"!! Officer J. Hernandez, we'll be seeing you as you roam through the streets of Central Division. Officer M. Sabbatella is leaving to Southeast Division. I'm sure you'll all have a wonderful time. Good luck in your new ventures and be safe.

Welcome Aboard Bus Division

Sgt. L. Bravo from JD-MET (he knows what it means and that's all that counts). Officers Conteras and T. Jones are here from NHWD, and Officer V. Medrano comes to us from Wilshire Division. Welcome everyone, it's not too bad. And just think of all the good eating spots you can try out and still be in your area!

Well, I have to pull the exit cord for now. I wish you all a beautiful, healthy, and safe Spring. Enjoy the wonderful weather and the holidays that come along with it.

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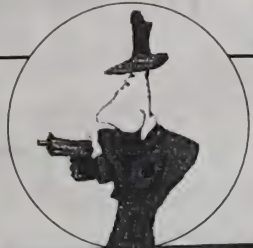
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We DARE you to make a difference

by Karen DARE

A Gold Medal Evening of Champions

The annual DARE gala was held at the Hilton Hotel on May 19th.



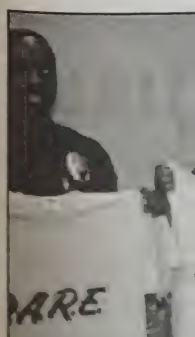
Officer Tim Morris and

event which was called an evening of Champions celebrities, educators



Gold Medal Eve of Champions Segal, Rickson Gracie, B and others.

DARE kids and police to raise money to program. The guests local DARE students DARE t-shirts and the Crenshaw Choir in which many sold, including a 19 which had been donated by gymnast Bart Conner \$105,000. They were motivational speech like Sugar Ray Leonard Billy Blanks and S Mr. Floyd Hall



Officers Vince Taylor, M.

Corporation was a year's achievement been a very active



by Karen Widman
DARE Division

A Gold Medal Evening of Champions

The annual DARE America fund raiser gala was held at the Beverly Hills Hilton Hotel on March 29, 2000. The



photo by Officer Mark Horton

Officer Tim Morris and Officer Javier Retamoza with DARE students.

event which was called "A Gold Medal evening of Champions," brought sports celebrities, educators, philanthropists,

good reason people run 26.5 miles. I just haven't figured it out yet. Major congratulations go out to all of you that



photo by Officer Mark Horton

Gold Medal Eve of Champions, including: Sugar Ray Leonard, Oksana Baiul, Billy Blanks, Steve Segal, Rickson Gracie, Bruce Jenner, Carl Lewis, Nadia Comanich, Bart Conner, Shannon Miller, and others.

DARE kids and police officers together to raise money to support the DARE program. The guests were greeted by local DARE students in bright gold DARE t-shirts and were entertained by the Crenshaw Choir. There was an auction in which many collectors' items sold, including a 1975 Ferrari racecar, which had been donated by the Olympic gymnast Bart Conner and was sold for \$105,000. They were also treated to motivational speeches from celebrities like Sugar Ray Leonard, Bruce Jenner, Billy Blanks and Steven Segal, before Mr. Floyd Hall of the Kmart

had the tenacity and the endurance to finish the race, and are still around to talk about it.

Baker to Vegas

Speaking of running, as of press time, the results of Baker-to-Vegas race were not yet available, but I'm sure that DARE Division has captured the trophy and beat Metro Division to the winner's circle. OK, well maybe not, but because of the tremendous efforts of team captains Officer Jim Sanders and Officer Robert Lait, DARE competed in the mixed open team category.

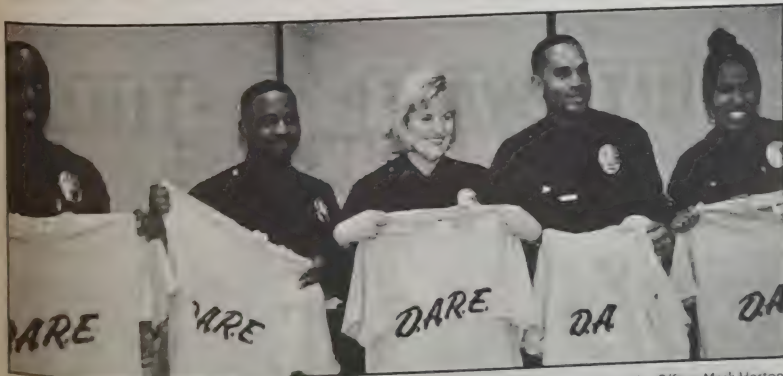


photo by Officer Mark Horton

Officers Vince Taylor, Michael Pounds, Kris Traynor, Tim Morris, and Karen Wright.

Corporation was presented with this year's achievement award. Mr. Hall has been a very active supporter of chil-

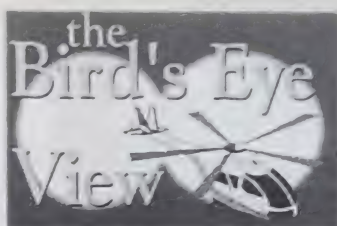
Welcome Wagon

We would like to welcome the newest members to the DARE family: Officer

dren's charities included the DARE program throughout the years

Singing (and Running) in the Rain

DARE Division was out in force for the annual Los Angeles Marathon, which was held on March 5, 2000. The course takes the runners through the downtown Los Angeles area, and this year it was held in the pouring rain. Officer Mark Horton ran with cadets from the Reseda High School Police Magnet Academy and Officer Carolyn Jones ran with the cadets from Dorsey High School. Officer Alicia Hajewski ran with her sister, and Officer Javier Retamoza ran the race and was even photographed in the Orange County Register. I know there must be a really



by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

Well our lobby renovation is now complete and it looks great. It's taking a little getting used to and we're still going through the bonding process. Whenever I walk in I almost feel like I should make an appointment, wait to be seated, or ask if someone "is in." This will wear off in time but it sure is a nice edition.

Just prior to me writing this, our latest Tactical Flight Officer orals were finished. The list will be published by the time this article is distributed and I was told we have several outstanding candidates. Nice job to those who were granted a loan and for everyone else that applied. Thanks for your hard work. You're one step closer for next time.

We just made our newest Tactical Flight Officer the other day. Erwin "Butch" Stowell gave up his motor to come fly the friendly skies over the City of Angels. Butch was ranked outstanding in his oral, came up and excelled during his one-month loan. He remained at Air Support for the more intensive four-month probation. After completing the entire process, Butch is now a permanent member of Air Support Division. Butch recently was presented with his wings. Nice job, Butch. Great to have you on board.

This deployment period we had a Tactical Flight Officer training day. We took care of some important "house" issues that were festering and had some great discussion related to tactics. Some factory representatives came up to improve our knowledge on our thermal imaging systems (F.L.I.R.) and we had an interesting survey. It did this P-2 dog's heart some good to hear that Tactical Flight Officers still come to Air Support for one overwhelming reason. We like to take care of street cops and help you any way we can to do your job safely. Thanks to our Chief TFO, Rick, for all your hard work. It was a great day.

Boy, I just realized I've almost finished this article and I haven't mentioned pilots once. Wow, that's too bad. Maybe next month.

ASD Tip of the Month

A situation occurred the other day that I think is worth mentioning. I wasn't personally involved but I talked with the Aircrew and got the scoop. Some officers responded to a call and with an Airship overhead were directed to and immediately confronted by a very 415 irate man. (I know nothing unusual so far.) The citizen then attacked the officers and they had their hands full with a very large, combative suspect. The point is this: One officer, with the greatest of intentions, got on the radio and began putting out information. I understand this may be a natural reaction, but when we are overhead you can rely on us for putting out your backup, assistance call, etc. Nothing is going to help you more under the circumstances and get the situation under control faster than getting in there and taking care of business. Your radio is secondary under the circumstances. You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.

Deborah (Dee) Fettes joins us from NoHo Division, Officer Wendy Pryne has been bused in from TBD and Officer Ray Rodriguez comes to DARE by way of WVal Division.

Get Well Soon

We all want to say "hello" and send our best wishes to our good friend,

Officer Josuel Gooden, who has been off IOD with a serious back injury. Just know that we miss your smiling face, Joe, and hope you are up and feeling better soon, but don't rush back until you are 100% healthy.

To everyone out there, stay safe and keep DARE(ing) to make a difference!

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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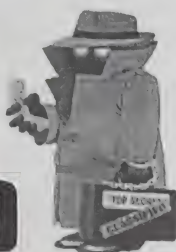
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

The Secret Is Out On OCVD



by Doris Andrews
Organized Crime & Vice Division

Yes ... Hard Work and Dedication are Still Recognized!

On February 21st, The Law and Order Commission - 24th District of the American Legion honored Det. III **Richard McElroy** for his efforts regarding Operation Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). At the banquet, Det. McElroy was presented with many prestigious awards. He received a Certificate of Recognition from Congressman Xavier Becerra, U.S. House of Representatives, a Certificate of Recognition from Assemblyman Gil Cedillo, California State Assembly, a Certificate of Commendation from Councilmember Nate Holden, and a Mayor's Certificate of Commendation from Mayor Richard Riordan.

Besides Det. McElroy's full time duties at OCVD, he is also the Director of Operation Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), which is a grant-funded program by the California Department of ABC. In this capacity, he directs his efforts toward ABC enforcement and education city-wide. The enforcement consists of many types of operations that primarily concentrates on retailers being responsible in their sales of alcoholic beverages. The other segment is preventing the sale of alcohol to minors and education. This citywide responsibility demands a great deal of effort on Detective McElroy's part as the city of Los Angeles has 18 Area Stations and nearly 6,000 licensed alcohol establishments.

Det. McElroy was instrumental in developing a training program for alcohol retailers, Standardized Training for Alcohol Retailers (STAR). This program educates retailers of their obligations as responsible alcohol retailers. It is aimed at reducing ABC violations at the retail operational level through education. As a direct result of Det. McElroy's personal efforts, this program has been extremely successful. At the time of this article, 36 problematic licensed ABC locations have been closed. These closures have profoundly affected the communities in proximity of those locations. The direct effect being an immediate improvement in the quality of life for the citizens in those affected areas. Det. McElroy has worked tirelessly to enhance and improve the unit and promote the responsible distribution of alcoholic beverages. His accomplishments have been achieved through his personal commitment, self-motivation and his belief in the program and its message.

Det. McElroy is responsible for the development and implementation of a new 16-hour Peace Officer Standards

and Training (POST) ABC course, which educates police officers on the statutes and procedures regarding laws and enforcement. This course is now available to all law enforcement officers in the state of California.

Det. McElroy also established the department's first Operation Safe and Sober High School Graduation in June, 1999. A well publicized two week operation was successfully conducted where emphasis was placed on adults who purchase alcohol for students. Students were educated as to the dangers of alcohol and the consequences of its abuse. Retailers were also educated concerning the problems associated with the sale of alcohol to minors. We are proud to announce that there were no reported alcohol related traffic fatalities or serious injuries involving under age students during this operation.

Although these responsibilities demand a great deal of his personal time and effort, he maintains a positive attitude and does not hesitate taking on something others say cannot be done. He is truly an example of a leader and professional. He is constantly searching for ways to improve the effectiveness of Operation ABC and its positive affect on the city's diverse communities.

On behalf of the entire division and the citizens we serve, I applaud your efforts and tremendous success. I would also like to recognize your wife, Marolyn and your two daughters, Cindy and Kelly (an LAPD recruit) for their sacrifice and support of your crusade for the responsible distribution of alcoholic beverages.

Engagement Announcement

While on a romantic Maui getaway, LASO Deputy Jason Schreiner popped the question to P-III Cindy Neff. According to Cindy, she was taken completely by surprise when Jason produced a beautiful engagement ring during a romantic candlelit dinner. Cindy didn't suspect a thing, but she did wonder why he was acting so funny about carrying his camera case everywhere he went. Cindy said yes (of course). They have set the date for July 16th in Pacific Palisades. Congratulations to you both. I wish you a lifetime of love and happiness.

Promotion Congratulations

Terry Whittingham, Michael Tyus and Shoukry "EZ" Ethnasios were recently promoted to Det. II and will remain assigned to OCVD. **Elva Soriano** was promoted to Police Officer III and will also remain at OCVD.

Retirement Announcement

The Prostitution Unit is bidding a fond farewell to their leader, Lt. **Dave Muro**. After only 34 years and 3 months, Dave has decided to call it quits. We are all going to miss ya!

Newcomers

OCVD welcomes newcomers: Det. **Carmine Sasso** from Rampart, Det. **Mark Kislig** of North Hollywood, Det. **Carol Mosher** of Van Nuys, Det. **Valerie Cordot** of West Los Angeles.

West Valley Division The Wild* Wild West

by Tony Valadez
West Valley Division

2000 Cops and Lobsters— a Commendable Copper Caper?

On March 24, 2000, the annual "Cops and Lobsters—Tip-a-Cop for Special Olympics" was held at our local Red Lobster restaurant in West Hills. Sgt. **Cindy Brounstien** and Club Dev's new P-3, **Lorrayne Jordane**, coordinated the event with Club Dev Sgt.-2 **Danny Mastro**. Many West Valley officers gave their time (and some money) to this worthwhile cause. Sgt. Brounstien stated that approximately \$13,000 was raised during the lunch and dinner shifts that day. Sgt. Brounstien and Sgt. Mastro even did a little police work. Apparently, at approximately 1230 hours, the "intellectually impaired criminal of the month" entered the restaurant (with HUGE banners posted in the front and overflowing with officers inside). This "genius" decided he would order the most expensive meal on the menu, along with appetizers and drinks. Upon finishing his meal, "Einstein" attempted to flee the establishment. An alert waitress notified Sgt. Brounstien and Sgt. Mastro, who followed this individual outside the restaurant. The suspect was confronted and detained. Fortunately for our unlucky, yet stuffed suspect, he was able to "scrape up" some cash and pay his bill. Sgt. Brounstien and Sgt. Mastro are to be commended for their attention to duty, commitment to the community, and for all their hard work and effort in putting together this event (and catching a stiff, running from his bill). P-2s **Gavin "where are my biscuits?" Stieglitz, Barbara MacDermott, Steve Whitelaw,** and all the other officers who donated their time should also be commended.

Adventures in Babysitting: the Continuing Saga

The baby news ticker continues to work overtime in West Valley. Our newest SLO, Officer **Tom Gahry**, and his wife, Van Nuys P-3 **Heather Gahry**, welcomed a new baby girl into the Gahry family in early March. This is their second child. Tom will fill all of us in on the details, as soon as he gets back. Congratulations!

In the "better late than never" category, P-2 **Hector Chairez** reports that his wife gave birth to twins, back on January 8th. Troy Nicholas was welcomed into the Chairez family at 1049 hours, weighing in at 3 pounds, 15 ounces and 19 inches long. At 1050 hours, Tiffany Taylor entered the world at 3 pounds, 6 ounces and 18 inches long. Officer Chairez reports lots of diapers and ZERO sleep. Congrats Hector!

The Wide World of Sports

On March 19, "coach" **Dino Campodonico** led the Project Amigo

youth program into the Staples Center for the 1999-2000 NIKE/NHL Street Hockey Championships. "Coach" Campodonico's teams did very well. In the 14-16-year-old division, the Project Amigo team (1998-1999 defending champions) were able to defend their title in a hard fought game, and claim the hardware. In the 11-13-year-old division, Dino's pucksters also made it to the championship game. They played a close game, but in the end fell short of the championship. All of us here at WVAL want to congratulate all of Project Amigos' players on their championship efforts. GOOD JOB, GUYS!

And speaking of defending champions, our own WVAL softball "bombers" opened up the regular season against the always dangerous Van Nuys Squad. Coach **Sciarrillo** led the defending champions onto the field of battle two times, due to unexpected "rainouts" at Hjelti Park. The third time was a charm (and a different park entirely) as our WVAL squad DOMINATED Van Nuys. This year's squad in a very deep, and everyone was able to display their abilities during the game. Good job, guys. Keep up the good play.

Ladder Climbing 101

Congratulations to new Sgt. **E. Baptiste**, new D-1 **R. Rannels**, 10A73's newest SLO **T. Gahry**, and P-3 **G. Madera**. Congratulations also go out to P-3 **Steve Gottchalk**, who is the new adjutant in the area office. Good luck to all of you on your new positions.

Comin' and Goin'

West Valley welcomes D-1 **R. Cordobes** (WIL), P-3s **A. Marks** (SW) and **A. Allbrook-Archer** (WLA), P-2 **S. Hevner** (WLA), and new probationers **R. Carter, E. Hermann, and A. Leuridan** from the Academy. Thanks for coming over. Maybe we can finally get a T/O on a weekday.

And speaking of T/Os or lack thereof, all of us here at WVAL say a fond farewell to Sgt.-1 **E. Baptiste** (HWD). D-1 **R. Rannels** (WIL), P-3 **G. Madera** (VNYS), P-2s **R. Rodriguez** (DARE), **M. Aragon** and **L. Le** (FTHL), **R. Dease** (PAC), **R. Yanez** (SW), **M. Scott** (VNYS), and a "pip-pip cheerio" to Her Majesty's own **D. Lopez** (WLA). Good luck to all of you K.I.T. folks. Okay ... everyone can tear up your T/O slips and get ready for those Wed./Thurs. days off. We're down 55 ... or is it 58. Oh well, I lost count. I'm sure you did too.

Well that's all I have this month. Be safe out there. This is 10A75. I'm out to the station UFN.

Retracting the Retraction

Apparently, there was some confusion about last month's retraction. Chris and I would like to clear the air (especially for some "very large, well connected, and concerned" friends). Chris came to West Valley's RED DAVIS CHAMPIONSHIP SOFTBALL TEAM with very high expectations. Unfortunately, he hits the ball just as high, thus the "Big D" reference. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding.

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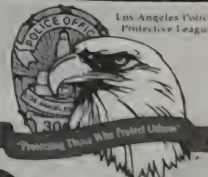
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LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

Unfortunately runners crossed the finish line for the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay just after our press deadline for this issue. We'll have full coverage in the June issue of *The Thin Blue Line*, but if you just can't wait, log onto either www.bakervegas.com for race results.

This month finds the slow-pitch season in full swing and final preparations underway for the Memorial Run on Saturday, May 13, and the bimonthly Golf Tournament on Friday, May 19. Next month brings the first bench press meet of the year, the Red Davis Tournament for the LAPD slow-pitch championship, and the first-ever California Fire and Police Games (in late June). For up-to-date information and schedule changes, call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

Bench Press Contest Moved to Friday, June 9

Conflicts have forced rescheduling of the Spring Bench Press Contest to Friday, June 9, at the Elysian Park Academy Gym. The first lifting match of the new century finds the 77th Street Power Pigs in search of their 310th straight win (okay, a slight exaggeration) and everyone else in search of some way to take the hogs to the slaughterhouse. Applications are available at all LAPD weight rooms, Academy locker rooms, or by contacting Athletic Department Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218 or via LAPD e-mail (#B8306).

Looking for a Few Good Men and Women - Part One

Track and field competition for the first California Fire and Police Games will be held in San Bernardino, Thursday, June 29 through Saturday, July 1. Age divisions are broken into five-year groups from 21 through 60 years of age. Athletes interested in competing on LAPD teams should contact Ken Scott at (213) 303-3762.

Ditto - Part Two

LAPD has three soccer teams and they are all looking for players. These teams compete regularly in a number of soccer tournaments throughout the year as well as the California Fire and Police Games. If you are interested in playing soccer, contact any of the following team captains: LAPD #1 - **Hugo Cepeda**, (213) 485-6550; LAPD #2 - **Donald Barfield**, (562) 929-9222, ext. 282; Women's Team - **Shannon Paulson**, (818) 756-8346.

And Ditto - Part Three

It's time to begin testing the waters for a Y2K Flag Football season. Divisions interested in fielding a team this year (or individuals looking for a team on which to compete) should contact Athletic Department Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218 or via LAPD e-mail (#B8306).

Discount Dodgers Tickets Available

A limited supply of discount Dodger tickets is available at the LAPRAAC Administrative Office. Tickets must be purchased 10 days prior to game date and are sold on a first come, first served basis. Seats are in the inner

reserved level and cost \$15. Game time is 7:10 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Games in late May, June and July are: Tues. 5/23, *Cincinnati Reds*; Fri. 5/26 and Sat. 5/27, *Philadelphia Phillies*; Mon. 5/29 (1:10 p.m.), Tues. 5/30 and Wed. 5/31, *New York Mets*; Fri. 6/9 and Sun. 6/11 (1:10 p.m.), *Oakland Athletics*; Mon. thru Thurs. 6/12-15, *Arizona Diamond Backs*; Fri. 6/16 and Sat. 6/17 (time TBA), *St. Louis Cardinals*; Tues. 6/27 and Thurs. 6/29 (6:10 p.m.), *San Diego Padres*; Fri. 7/14, *Anaheim Angels*; Tues. 7/18, *Pittsburgh Pirates*; Fri. 7/21, Sat. 7/22 (TBA) and Sun. 7/23 (5:10 p.m.), *San Francisco Giants*.

For more information or to obtain the full Dodgers schedule, contact the

LAPRAAC office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 203.

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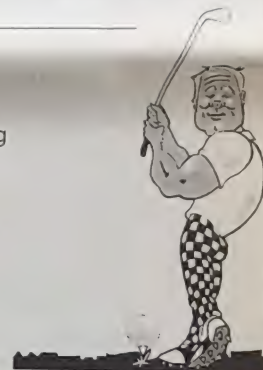
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More Sports Beat on next page

LAPRAAC Golf Tourney Set May 19; Devonshire Wins March Event

Late registration is still available for the bimonthly LAPRAAC Golf Club Tournament, set for Friday, May 19, at the Alondra Golf Course in Lawndale. Fee for the day-long event is \$45 per golfer and includes green and cart fees and prizes for high net and gross, low gross, closest to the pin and longest drive.

This is the second season of tournaments, and participation over the last six months has doubled. With competition now open to full-time civilian employees, there's no excuse for department golfers (pro level or just weekend duffer) not to take advantage of the LAPRAAC Golf Club events.

March 10th's tournament at Wilson-Harding Golf Course in Griffith Park proved a true nail-biter. With the divots finally settled only six strokes separated the top three teams: Devonshire, Wilshire and Northeast.

Tom Case took home the prize for Low Gross Mike Hall (TBD) won took

Low Net. Chris Clark (CTD) came home with the horse collar for high gross score. Kerri Brown (HWD Dets.), had the longest drive among the female golfers and Pat Russell (DEV) did the same for the testosterone side of the tee with a 65 (Eli Villaseñor's 125 earned him a prize for the high gross score). There were also several cash prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive.

Anyone interested in participating at the May tournament should call Jeanne Schwab, Athletic Secretary, at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218. It is not required fees be paid at the time of the phone call but

it is necessary to get your reservations as soon as possible so that proper arrangements can be made with the golf course.

For more information on the LAPRAAC golf program contact Golf Club Chairman Sal Jaramillo (WTD) at 310-870-1422 or Schwab (at the above number or via the LANS system e-mail at Serial No. 8306).

March Golf Tourney — Team Results

Team	Net Score
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Northeast	303
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SPORTS BEAT

Badgers Motorcycle Club

The Badgers Motorcycle Club was established in 1969 by members of the Los Angeles Police Department as an organization for police officers and firefighters who wanted to be involved in a family type road/off-road motorcycle club.

As time went on, the Badgers began accepting members who were not police officers or firefighters, as there were too many good people who wanted to join the club and enjoy a family type atmosphere.

By 1972 the club evolved into an off road racing organization, and in 1972 put on their first desert race. The club has built their reputation by putting on quality races and drawing the most entrants. In 1987, the Badgers won an award for having the best race for that year.

The Badgers is primarily a Desert racing club. Members also ride Enduros, Gran Prix, Dual Sport and Moto Cross. Over the years many members have become experts and several have held the #1 plate in their class.

The Badgers have also been very active in being officers in the AMA's Southern California District 37 off-road sports committee. Badger members have held the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Director at Large positions. The club has also established the District 37 meeting locations, conducted fund-raisers for Rescue 3, and donated money to the legal defense fund.

The Badgers have an average membership of 40 riders, and once a son or daughter begins to race, he/she becomes a full fledged member. Each member

must be sponsored in by a member and there is a six-month probation period. All members are encouraged to sponsor people who fit the profile and ideals of the Badgers Motorcycle Club.

There are two primary requirements for club members: 1) You don't leave a race until all members are in; 2) You are required to work on the Badgers yearly race.

The current club schedule is as follows: Dinner meeting in February, course scouting days prior to club race, Badgers race on Mother's Day weekend, Thanksgiving weekend camp out and poker run.

We also have a year-end club trophy for the rider who earns the most competition points each month throughout the year. There are also awards for members who accomplish other unusual feats during the year.

There are two club representatives who attend monthly District 37 meetings and vote on racing and other related issues. They are also responsible for relaying new racing information and rule changes to club members.

All Club officers are elected at the February dinner meeting and are responsible for directing yearly activities.

The Badgers Motorcycle Club is dedicated to family, motorcycle racing, and promotion of the sport. The club is highly respected by members and other clubs of the off road racing community.

If you are interested in joining the Badgers Motorcycle Club, please call (661) 242-2712.

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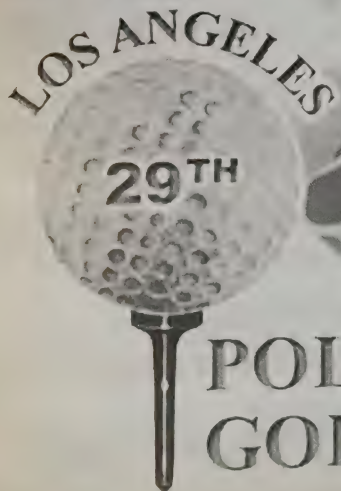
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LAPD Ski Team Dominates 2000 Season

by Ingrid Braun

Another great race season for the LAPD Ski Team has come to an end. Thirty-two team members competed in three major events for the 2000 season. First stop was the International Police Winter Games in Lake Tahoe. Once again, the Austrian Police Team dominated this event. With a majority of their

The big winners at this event were **Andy Smith**, **Ingrid Braun**, **Rick Conrado**, **Rob Lerner**, **Max Phillips**, **Bill Page** and **Maggie Furmanski**. Newcomer **Shannon Geaney** made her mark and impressed a lot of folks in the Women's Expert Group. After everything was over, **Ingrid Braun**, **Rick Conrado**, **Jeff Hazer** and **Andy Smith** were able to clinch the third place team trophy



photo courtesy Ingrid Braun

All decked out at the International Police Winter Games in Lake Tahoe.



Winners at the California Fire/Police Olympics.

team being ex-professional ski racers, our team members like **Mike Braun**, **Ingrid Braun**, **Rick Conrado** and **Rob Lerner** definitely had their work cut out for them. The aforementioned racers were able to beat several of the attending Austrians, Germans and Italians.

behind Austria's first and second place finishes. And they only missed out on first place by two points!

We had a week-long break and then we were off to the California Fire/Police Winter Olympics in Mammoth Lakes,

where we had the majority of our team members in attendance. Our team competed in Cross-Country, Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super-G, Dual Slalom, Snowboard Races, Half-Pipe, Boarder Cross and Skier Cross. WHEW! A lot of events and a lot of fun! What a great time was had by all. The snow and weather were awesome; what more can you ask for?! A lot of medals were won by our team members at this event. This is one event where snowboarders get to do more than the skiers. We had three snowboarders, **Mark Leon**, **Ann McGrew** and **Bryan Fox**, come out and race, and they all did a great job. The biggest winner was **Rob Lerner** who won first place in every event, except Cross-Country where he came in second. Rob finally won the overall trophy, a goal of his for many years!

The next and final stop on the tour was the premier event, the North American Police Ski Championships in Keystone, Colorado. This event was incredible. This event brought together over three hundred competitors, but, more importantly, raised approximately \$32,000 for the Special Olympics program. Only five team members attended

tingent. Lambres and Braun battled it out for the Number 1 and 2 Bibs. Only .09 seconds kept Braun from winning the Number 1 Bib. Rick Conrado came in with a strong finish for the Number 4 Bib. Bill Page also was in the Expert Group with Bib Number 11. Pretty good for our team, considering there were over 300 competitors. Next year there will be a big push to get most of our



1st place mens expert team. North American police ski championships Mike Braun and Rick Conrado.



California Fire/Police Olympics 2000 competitors.

this year: **Mike Braun**, **Rick Conrado**, **Bill Page**, **Max Phillips** and **Lou Vince**. We all cleaned up in the medal categories. Mike and Rick won the Men's Expert Combined Team for the second year in a row. With the Braun-Lerner win in 1997, that's three out of the last four for the top LAPD skiers. Individual honors went to Max Phillips who finished first overall in the Advanced Group, Lou Vince who finished second overall in the Intermediate Group, and Mike Braun who finished second in the Expert Group, conceding first place to Vince Lambres of the California Highway Patrol in Truckee. The California Boys put on a clinic for the Colorado locals and the East Coast con-

team to this event. It will tentatively be held again at Keystone, or possibly in Snowmass or Telluride.

Next year's event schedule will be linked by the end of the summer. Stay tuned, and if you are interested in being a serious team member to compete in either skiing or snowboarding events, contact Mike Braun at Devonshire Division. You can also check out our Web page at <http://users.kcyb.com/lapd> and e-mail Mike. As always, we want to thank LAPRAAC for its generous support, along with our team supporters: Dynastar/Lange, Marker, Holmenkol Wax and Footloose Sports in Mammoth.

Memorial Run on May 13 to Honor Memory of Metro Officer Louis Villalobos

It is sad to report this year's race will not be, after all, the first in six years blessed by no new name added to the roll of officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. An unfortunate accident during a training exercise recently claimed the life of Metro Officer **Louis Villalobos**—it is in his memory the 22nd Annual Memorial Run and Relay will be dedicated.

Officers and friends will gather at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey on Saturday morning, May 13, to participate in a two-decades long tradition of honoring the memory of Officer Villalobos the day will include the traditional missing-man helicopter flyby, activities and displays for families and children, and a drawing for numerous prizes including a Kenwood stereo and Las Vegas weekend getaway.

A one-mile fun run (the "Munchkin Mile") for children age 12 and under starts the day at 0815, followed by the 5K Individual Run at 0845 and 25K Relay at 0930. "Opening ceremonies" will be held prior to the start of the 25K. Entry fees are \$10 for the fun run, \$20 for the 5K and \$100 per team for the 25K. The fun run at 5K are open to all comers but the 25K is open only to LAPD unit/divisional teams. All race participants will receive a multi-colored t-shirt (supply is limited) and a bracelet with the name of an officer killed in the line of duty. Runners may request a bracelet with the name of a specific officers they wish to honor.

Applications are available at all LAPD divisions and units and late registration on race day will be held starting at 0700 at Dockweiler Beach. For more information, contact Athletic Department Secretary Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218 or via LAPD e-mail (#B8306).

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RETIREMENT NEWS

The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

Happy belated Easter to you all. As I said before, I have to get this article in by the 6th of the month in order for it to come out the following month with news that happened last month. Oh well, the press has to roll so here goes. As of April 1, 2000, we had 91 confirmed reservations for the April 5th luncheon. We should get at least 25 more by April 4th. That makes a good crowd. Some called in and placed their regrets for not coming because of the rising cost of gasoline. There is really no excuse for gas being this costly. Talked to a friend in Missouri on April 1st. He as complaining because the price of gas in Missouri had skyrocketed from \$1.29-9/10 to \$1.37-9/10. He was real shocked when I told him the cheapest gas in California was \$1.65-9/10, and some as high as \$2.10-9/10.

Dep. Chief Keith Bushey, retired from LAPD, had agreed to take time off his busy schedule as Dep. Chief of San Bernardino Sheriff Station to be our guest speaker. Thanks to Larry Walton for finding him or us as I was at a loss of who to have. I don't have much time. I spend every day at the hospital, seven days a week, 132 miles round-trip.

A little update on my wife, Beverly. She now has been in the hospital 4-1/2 months, lying flat on her back. She is a fighter. She gets down and they give up on her and she bounces back for a week or two, then something else happens and she goes downhill again. It is taking a toll on me. But I am hanging in there and I talk to her constantly even when she is in a coma.

I have to move her from this hospital. I was given a shock of my life. They just informed me that my Medicare runs out April 14th. I never knew Medicare ever ran out. Better read up on it. Don't wait, like I did, until it is too late. Thank God for Blue Cross. Police & Fire of LAPD has the best Blue Cross coverage in their whole system. But if a hospital is not in their Prudent Buyer system they would

rather you moved to a Prudent Buyer hospital. For all you guys out there that are not in the Blue Cross system, better check it out. You'd be surprised, it's the best. Thank God I changed to Blue Cross when I retired.

Our hearts were saddened by the passing of **Lotis Garrahan**. They both were good members of Inland Blue Line. Lotis passed away last month after a long illness. Also we will miss **Ollie Lasser**. He never missed a luncheon until he took sick. But **Dorothy** says he wanted her to pay the dues and come when she can. **Ollie** always enjoyed himself at the luncheon just to see old friends.

Sure want to thank all of you for all the cards and letters you have sent to Beverly and me. It sure helps. I take each one in and read them to her. I am not sure she understands but I am hoping some of it will find a spot in her brain and I am sure it does because of the smiles I get from her at some of the cards and letters that are funny. It is hard not having her around to find things for me or to yell at me. I sure would welcome some of that yelling right now.

I have tried to get a hold of **Chief Daryl Gates**. So many members who used to work with and for him would sure love to have him visit our club. We would love to have him as guest speaker at our October luncheon. That would be the second Wednesday in October. If anyone can get to him ask him to call me at 909-925-4491. Every four days I put an update on Beverly on my answering machine. I get an average of seven to ten calls a day just to find out how she is. And thank you for all your prayers. I know it is the only thing that has brought her back so many times. It's sure not the doctors. Don't get me started on doctors. I could tell you stories about the present doctors that would curl your hair.

We hope to see at our October luncheon. Be careful driving these freeways. It's a jungle out there. Believe me, I know. I drove them every day. "God bless!"

Retirement Corner

May, 2000

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P-III Roger M. Lewis 14017 77th Street	31
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P-III Thomas L. Hall 15568 Narcotics	30
D-II Arthur G. Pelt 15790 Rampart	30
SGT-II Alonzo Rice 16374 West Traffic	29
D-II Donald J. Kalash 16201 Narcotics	29
D-II John Edwards 16259 Van Nuys	29
P-III+1 Gary D. Morgan 20358 Foothill	26
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Class of February 8, 1960 ... 40 Years Later

Exactly 40 years to the day they signed on LAPD, 17 members of the class of February 8, 1960, along with their wives, had their 40th reunion at the Police Academy. Each class mem-

good sense of humor he needed to get through the training. An interesting discovery was that with the exception of two retirees present, all had been



Present for the photo was: (back row L-R) Don Evans, Alan Priest, Mike Guy, Tom Vandewalle, Don Wright, Jack Coiner, Ron Gray, Lyle Percy, Dennis Bujer, Larry Peurifoy; (seated R-L) Sam Flores, Bill Burke, Cliff Hodge, Bob Nieto, and Hal Rowden. Missing from the photo, but present, were Loren Sandoval and John Wolff.

ber took a turn at the microphone to tell how things are going currently and to reminisce about the "good old days." **Dennis Bujer** was the hit of the evening when he, as one of the few non ex-military cadets, described marching, spit-shining shoes, classroom times, etc. He was the youngest member in the class and had to be sworn in a few days after the other more seasoned members. He still retains the

married more than 34 years with the longest at 44.

Bill Burke came from New Hampshire. **Lyle Percy**, who just moved to Maryland, returned for the event. The rest of the members present were in the Western United States.

Thanks to **Cliff Hodge**, **Tom Vandewalle** and **Lyle Percy** for their work in putting the reunion together.

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Our annual picnic will be held again in the beautiful pines of Goldwater Lake. Attendance last year exceeded 100 of L.A.'s finest and their guests, so make your reservations early (besides it helps us to plan on our food and beverage needs).

There are several new hotels in the area since last year, so room reservations shouldn't be a problem. If you need information or help with reservations, just contact one of the committee members.

Picnic starting time is 1300 hours. Cost is \$15.00 per person, kids free. The barbecue, beer, wine and soda are included. Tickets will be available for our great raffle prizes.

Our annual championship horseshoe contest will be held with trophies for 1st and 2nd place. Make checks payable to "PBL" and mail to: Ken Hamilton, 2100 W. Bonner Lane, Prescott, AZ 86303.

Any questions? Just contact one of our committee members:

Ken and Kathy Hamilton - 520-717-2397
Tony and Todd Pfalzgraf - 520-776-8599; Work: 520-777-0077
Chuck and Nelda Agrusa - 520-717-1659
George and Elsie Tyree - 520-778-0235
Gene Lyon - 520-717-1130

Old Blue Line

by Neil

It's History Now

The first Baker century is in the book. The future will point to the past. nod their head in proclamation. "Can you imagine Old Blue runners doing themselves. After all, they came in...

Fill in the blank, space as far as I go with pride it's the World Series. Santa Anita and especially. The only fortune teller in an up-close and personal was my tea leaf-reading me a few years to figure was so popular with all drinking housewives in City apartment house.



Bob Carter finishing up with



Top row L-R: Jay Hernandez, Jack Breslin. Kneeling L-R: M and Jim Becker.

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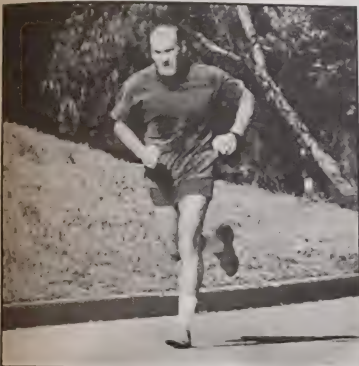
Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

It's History Now ... Or Is It?

The first Baker to Vegas race of this century is in the books and historians of the future will point to our team standing, nod their head and smile as they proclaim, "Can you imagine that? These Old Blue runners did pretty good for themselves. After all of their preparation they came in _____."

Fill in the blank, sports fans. This is as far as I go with predictions whether it's the World Series, Super Bowl or Santa Anita and especially the latter. The only fortune teller that I ever knew in an up-close and in-your-face style was my tea leaf-reading mom. It took me a few years to figure out why mom was so popular with all of the other tea drinking housewives in our New York City apartment house, but that's a long



Bob Carter finishing up with a nifty 48:55.



Top row L-R: Jay Hernando, Chuck McTaggart, George Beck, Pat Dailey, Bob Carter, Mel Sandvig, Jack Breslin. Kneeling L-R: Mike McKean, Neil Parker, Danny Staggs, Bob Espinosa, Joe Najera and Jim Becker.

story from long ago, for another time. Suffice to say that when she uttered those famous words, "wait until your father gets home," my brothers and I knew that wasn't a prediction, it was a fact. Dad was tough but he was fair and he encouraged us to get involved in sports. He was a great guy and a World War I Marine Corp vet.

Nevertheless, our handicapper, Mr. Nostradamus, says that if the stars are in their right positions there is no doubt that we will sweep the 800 category. He is probably right inasmuch as the race now begins in three stages around 9:00 p.m. (as in 2100 hours) and the stars

should be out and hopefully in their right spots. The stars, of course, are our Old Blue team members. Our team captain, the manager and the owners have done some negotiating and have managed to acquire two high priced but very talented free agents. So we're looking for the big win, butttt, even if we don't prevail, so what? Just the fact that we're still able to get up, get out, and give the race our very best shot is what counts when you start getting in and around the age parameters of social security. That seems to be the time when no matter how well you have taken care of yourself, little (sometimes big) things start wearing out, coming apart or breaking down. But wait a minute. This certainly can't be happening to me. Sorry, partner, but there are darn few of us who don't have to go in for an overhaul of one kind or another. So, all in all these guys and gals on our team have righteously been blessed with a few extra tough genes in their bods, in their minds or in their attitudes. Like that famous rabbit of TV fame, they just keep goin' and goin'. And it certainly doesn't hurt to have the good Lord in your corner or an angel or two on your shoulder.

At our last practice meeting on March 26 we had a swell time with over a dozen members looking pretty darned good. Amongst those high flyers were Pat Dailey, Danny Staggs, Bob Carter, Mel Sandvig, Bobby Espinoza, El Capitano Chuck McTaggart and a big Old Blue welcome aboard to speedsters Jim Becker from B.A.D., and Joe Najera from Robbery-Homicide. Among the support folks were Mike

Melancon and his two lovely daughters, Bannah and Maggie, who ran with the troops and did very well, thank you. Also present was Jay Krech and Brooke Garrido who are friends of Bobby Espinosa and ran a super neat 48:13 a piece. And coaching and encouraging us all were the veterans of races past: George Beck, Jack Breslin, Rudy DeLeon and Mike McKean.

Don't forget the 22nd Annual Police Memorial Run in Playa del Rey at Dockweiler Beach on Saturday, May 13th. If you don't run, be a volunteer at this fun-filled event. More info? 323-221-5222 at ext. 800.

LOS ANGELES RETIRED FIRE & POLICE ASSOCIATION "GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING"

When: June 7, 2000

Location: Grace E. Simons Lodge
1025 Elysian Park Drive, Elysian Park
Los Angeles, CA 90012 (323) 665-1155

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE SERVED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE OFFICE AT
OUR TOLL FREE NUMBER, (888) 288-5073.

Dates to Remember

May

May 3	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Meeting & BBQ	1000	
May 4	Edward Maciel	1630	
May 5	William Bowen	1800	1900
May 5,6,7	Joe Priebe Ride to Furnace Creek		
May 11	Gary Fullerton and Gary Morgan	1630	1800
May 11	Carlos De La Roca	1700	1830
May 11	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	
May 12	Scott Landsman	1700	
May 13	Eduardo Silvera	1600	
May 13	LAPD Memorial Run Dockweiler Beach	0815	
May 13	LAPD Centurions v. L.A. Fire Heat	TBA	
May 15	Donnie Anderson	1700	
May 17	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1100
May 19	John Tabares	1700	1800
May 20	Central Reunion	1100	
May 20	Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament	1000	
	Woodley Lakes Golf Course		

2000 Police Memorial Week Dates:

Sacramento:

May 4 (Thu)	8:30pm	Candlelight Vigil, Memorial Monument, State Capitol
May 5 (Fri)	9:00am	Walk of Honor, Capitol steps (west)
May 5 (Fri)	9:00am	Private indoor ceremony, Senate
May 5 (Fri)	10:30am	Outdoor ceremony, Memorial Monument, Capitol

Washington, D.C.:

May 13 (Sat)	8:00pm	Candlelight Vigil at National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial, Washington, D.C.
May 15 (Mon)	12:00n	19th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service
	3:00pm	Wreath laying at Memorial

Los Angeles:

May 15 (Mon)	1:30pm	Memorial Ceremony, Parker Center
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June

June 4	Prescott Area Blue Line BBQ	1300
June 5,6,7	77th Division Reunion -Las Vegas	
June 7	L.A. Retired Fire & Police Assn - Meeting	1000
June 10	RHD Reunion / Steak Fry	
June 10	Legendary Ladies Luncheon	1100
June 25	California Fire and Police Games	
- July 1	San Bernardino	
June 28	Bob Wantling	1130

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon will be on May 17, 2000, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant, located on the corner of DeSoto Ave. and Nordhoff St., in the room adjacent to the bar lounge. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. with meal orders taken after 11:00 a.m.

We had 35 at the March 15th luncheon. There were four new attendees: Dan Ricketts (11163), Ray Blackwell (6318), Ray Peabody (6599) and Steve Merrill (H9036). Bill Windham (7667) had not attended for about ten years. Steve Merrill is a retired Foothill Div. mechanic. The other attendees were John Becker (5059), Barney Boronich (3861), Jim Davis (14365), Ted Debs (6808), Gene Dillon (3411), Hilliard (Curly) Elliott (4534), Ray Elmer (5607), Don Erath (5244), Clinton Erickson (5608), Bill Fedderson (4823), Bob Fritz (4583), Bob Gibson (4585), Mel Harner (4501), Carl

Hegge (6234), Morrie Henkin (5247), Glen Kailey (3503), Bill Mathieson (6579), Bob May (3747), Boris Meneghelli (3522), George Moore (10565), Cecil Muchmore (5012), Lou Netza (7655), Les Nolte (10821), Pete Prieto (6382), Dale Rickards (3593), Phillip Siegel (6618), Stu Stremsterfer (4394), Clark Wardle (7584), Earl Wells (6297), and Marion Yates.

It is time to be thinking about making plans and marking your calendars to attend our annual fall BBQ at Dale Rickards Ranch in Malibu. It will be on Sunday, October 22, 2000. We had 65 at last year's event and it would be nice to see 100 this year. Look for details in the September issue of The Thin Blue Line, or the fall issue of Retired Fire & Police newsletter.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at The Lamplighter.

More Retirement News on next page

RETIREMENT NEWS

The Central Coast "Fuzz That Wuzz"

by Dave Aikins

A warm hello from all of us Fuzz people on the Central Coast. The spring season has been truly beautiful. The green hills are just starting to turn a light brown as summer approaches and the beaches are attracting more people as the weather and the sunsets continue to enthrall all of us.

Speaking of super views, the Fuzz group held its March luncheon at the beautiful Shore Cliff restaurant in Pismo Beach. Our guest speaker was recently retired Commander **Tim McBride**, who was warmly welcomed by all of us. Close to 90 members and guests were in attendance for this wonderful luncheon. As the sea crashed below the craggy cliffs outside the restaurant, providing spectacular beau-



Guest speaker, Tim McBride

ty, **McBride** very eloquently addressed the group. He reminded us that we all made a difference in our careers and what was really important was the kind of individuals we were. **McBride**, a Medal of Valor recipient, stressed the importance of the police "family" that has always been there to provide enormous support when needed. He emphasized that LAPD personnel have always been able to see when a fellow officer was in need and fill it with love and encouragement. Considering what is currently going on within the Department, **McBride's** comments were refreshing indeed. Our thanks to **Tim McBride** for taking the time to share so much of himself with us.

Fuzz Focus

Guy Hogue, #6352, is an interesting guy (no pun intended). His 21-year career began in 1949 and ended with his retirement in 1970. His last ten years on the LAPD were at Training Division where he was the Department Armorer and shooting instructor. Being a weapons expert, he started a small business making beautiful wood pistol grips.

Upon retirement in beautiful Cambria, he continued expanding his business, moving to Paso Robles in 1974. In the early eighties, **Guy's** two sons, **Aaron** and **Patrick**, joined the business and it has really taken off. They now have 65 employees and produce over 1,400 products with dealers operating nationwide as well as expanding into the international market. Additional products include rifle/shotgun stocks, speed holsters and much more. What a success story! **Aaron** and **Patrick** now run the business, but **Guy** is still involved with the company as an active senior consultant. **Guy's** business, "Hogue Inc.," is in cyberspace with a super Web page at www.getgrip.com. **Guy**, the silver-haired fox, is even pictured in it with his two sons. Check it out.

Another successful Fuzz story comes out of San Miguel, just north of San Luis Obispo. **Gerd (Fritz) Konieczny**, #11637, whose career spanned 25 years from 1963 to 1989, started a business from scratch. **Gerd** bought 460 acres of land where only a watershed was present. His dream was to create a deer farm, where he could raise the best venison anywhere. **Gerd** started by building roads, a house and a barn, added 1,000 feet of water line with a solar system, and over 1,000 feet of special deer fencing. **Gerd** also had his struggles with the state and local bureaucrats. Fun stuff. As a result of all this, **Gerd** has been very successful with his endeavors. His motto, "There is nothing a man can't do if he has a willing and supportive wife." I'm sure his very supportive wife, **Nancy**, agrees. Kudos to a super Fuzz couple.

A special congratulations to **Freeman Calvert** and lovely wife, **Nellie**, as they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary last April. What a neat couple.



Nellie and Freeman Calvert

Well, until next month, take care and the best to all of you with your retirement dreams.

Catch us at wuzzlapd@aol.com. KMA

Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

Woodhaven Country Club was the scene of our latest golf escapade hosted by **Al and Sharon Fried**. It's a narrow course which tested our skill, but **Al** had the foresight to invest in "broken window insurance" which enabled us to relax a bit. The day was sunny and bright (of course) when we teed off around noon on March 10th. The golf was challenging and frustrating—as usual—but we persevered and had a wonderful round.

At cocktail time, 44 tired golfers were joined by 26 folks who just like to eat and drink, at which time prizes were awarded.

The team of **Fried, Fried, Haines and Haines** wound up with the highest score, but obviously had the most fun. Fifth place (after a tie-breaker with two other foursomes) went to the team of **Joe VanFleet, Ron and Elayne Gray, and Jay Snow** with a team score of 69. Fourth place was awarded to **Al and Jan Taylor, Mary Cooper and Chuck Massey** for a round of 68. Third place went to **Sandy Palmer, Tim McBride, Jim Swiston and Ken Boden** with a 67. **Duane and Pat Lloyd, Norm Jackson and Rich Crottsley** took second place with a 65. And the number one group of the day was **Bob and Melody Bowers**.

Tim Dotson and Don Stagnaro with a score of 61.

Longest drive (men) went to **Al Taylor** and longest drive (ladies) to **Lyn Montano**.

Closest-to-the-pin (men) went to **Doug Watson** and (ladies) **Sandy Palmer and Elayne Gray**.

Door prizes were taken home by **Norm Jackson, Doug Watson, Nancy Swiston, Lyn Montano and Bob Bowers** and some other rowdy folks, but it was just too noisy to hear them all.

It was nice of **Cliff Hodge** and **Charlie Dahlbert** to take time away from Texas Hold 'em to spend some time with us. We may see more of them in the desert since the passing of Prop 1A.

After all the hilarity subsided, a buffet dinner of salmon, roast beef and wonderful side dishes and desserts were enjoyed by all.

Mike Guy is arranging for a May golf event to be held at Marriott's Desert Springs Hotel. Details are forthcoming.

Our next CVBL event will be hosted by **Aaron and Lyn Montano** with a barbecue at their home in Indian Wells.

Please contact **Sandy Palmer** at CVBlueline@aol.com to make sure that your name is in our roster so you will be notified of these upcoming events.



Vice president Dennis P. Zine congratulates retiring Detectives Gregory Schwen and Raul Riva at their retirement party.



Deputy Chief Dave Gascon congratulates retiring Detective Lt. Dave Muro at his retirement. Photo by Dennis P. Zine



Councilman Hal Benson presented city resolutions to retiring Lt. Paul Wright and Lt. Dan Elfante, Detective Division. Photo by Dennis P. Zine

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Sacramento Area Blue Line Assn

by Bernie Remas

Police Memorial Week

This is the month for putting those vacation plans into effect. It's also the month of memorial services for our fallen police officers and military veterans. So take care of both please. When the memorial service for police officers is held here in Sacramento during **Police Week**, some of our SABLA members and myself will be there to "take care of business." I hope our LAPD Chief of Police can find the time to jump on a shuttle and be here for the services. And if possible, I know retired LAPDer **George Hahn** will be there. If you didn't know, George wrote the poem inscribed on the memorial in the park across the street from the Capitol. It's a sight to see here when you come to Sacramento.

And don't forget the military veterans like myself who will be remembered on **Memorial Day** weekend at the end of the month. If you're in Sacramento, the Sacramento Jazz Society has another great weekend of music and partying. Judy and I will be volunteers at the Doubletree Hotel Ballroom. Look us up!

But, they always take time and space on **Monday, Memorial Day**, to present a memorial service dedicated to our veterans. It's free! Monday at 0900 hours, at the **Sacramento Convention Center** in downtown Sacramento. There will be numerous veterans organizations featured, including speakers, music, and color guards. It's free! From 0900 to 1030. It's a great show for all!

Last month I reported that we were going to reduce the number of luncheons that **SABLA** is going to host for everyone. Remember? Odd months. Right? Got it.

Okay. Now in addition to that change we are gonna move out of the Palomino for the month of May and have our **May 11th luncheon** at a place called "Friends!" What an appropriate name—"Friends." So now we are going to see if the atmosphere and the food is better than the Palomino. We do know that it is going to be less

expensive for all of you! And that's a plus for all of us retirees.

So where do we go? "Friends" is at 10750 Olsen Drive, Rancho Cordova. Take Highway 50 eastbound from Sacramento or westbound from Reno, and get off at Zinfandel. Zinfandel is a wine. Easy to remember. "Friends" is on the north side of the freeway and you can see "Friends" from the offramps. Okay? Many of our SABLA guys checked it out in February and agreed to recommend we give "Friends" a try. So **May 11, 2000. See you at "Friends."** Give Ed Lewandowski a call to let him know you're coming—(916) 445-4710.

Don't forget SABLA's "Spring Fling." Next month on **June 3, 2000!** Mark your calendars. I know. I just said odd months and this is even. But this is different! This will be our second "Spring Fling" in the gated community of Greenstone near Placerville. This is by that private lake we were at last year. So bring your fishing gear, 'cause it is legal if you've got a fishing license! **Nate Iannone** and **Hoy Key** were finalists last year for the biggest catch! The food was great last year and it will be catered again by the Back Forty BBQ restaurant. So come hungry.

Ed & Cindy Lewandowski have promised **NO** wind this time. So bring the sun tan lotion and hope for the best! It'll get us out of the house for the day, get us off the diet for a meal, and we'll get some fresh air, too!

Saturday, June 3, 2000, 1200 hours (noon) to 1800 hours (6:00 p.m.)! And if **Bob** and **Verna Keel** have to leave a little early like last year to go to Reno, it's okay! Make your plans now! Call Ed for reservations at (916) 445-4710.

Our March 9th luncheon at the Palomino was busy with Prez **Justin Dyer** leading the way. **Gene DeCrona** made a presentation relative to determining surviving spouses (widows) share of the pension after the death of the LAPD retiree. Gene had written to the Pension Dept. and had received a reply that he shared with all of us at the luncheon. If you missed it, check **Hoy Key's** newsletter for specifics. If you're not a SABLA member, then you

don't get the newsletter and you're left out! Sorry

Ray Lauritzen was back from Hawaii looking tanned. Can't miss in Hawaii. Had been there for the wedding of a grandson. **Ed Slattery** from Parker, Arizona, is still in town visiting his daughter and grandchildren. **Mike Brandt** told us a little bit about his marathon run in Havana, Cuba. We need to know more. His next run will be on the Great Wall of China in August! And some of you thought that retirement was boring! **Chuck Ward** and **Chuck Crawford** were appointed by the Prez to be a committee to find new SABLA officers for next year. Why not add another motor officer **Bill Wilhelm**, and make it all three on the committee? Volunteers? Step forward!

My neighbors from Del Webb's Sun City **Chuck Blogin** and **Charlie Long** were there. Were you? **Ellie** and ex-Metro partner **Carl Kuehn** were there along with **Hoy Key** and **Wilma Laycock**. Did I miss you? **Bill & Muriel McMonagle** had lunch with us, as well as **Dennis McDonald** and **Roy Kertin**. I bet you missed **Jim Byrd** and **George Puddy**. I didn't.

Two-gun John Powers has continued to furnish us with accounts from his UN-published book. Not being a SABLA member, again you fail to receive **Hoy Key's** SABLA newsletter. Excerpts of John's account of the '40s through the '70s has been reprinted in the newsletter, and you're missing some "good stuff!"

Now while you're putting your social calendar together, put down **Saturday, September 23, 2000.** I bet you've already guessed that **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** have selected the Valley of the Moon Festival weekend for their LAPD Wine Country BBQ! Right? Right!

For those of you that have been there in the past you know what a great weekend this is, with the Patron's Wine tasting on Friday eve, and then the BBQ at Kiser's

place on Saturday. This historical "Italia" truck will take you on a hayride and wine tasting in the vineyard—there'll be a horseshoe tournament run again by **Tom & Sharon Purington**—who by the way must tell us about **Kosovo**. Also the wine bottle salami toss and more. There will be a choice of range chicken or Harris Ranch New York steak with all the trimmings. And ALL the beer and wine you can handle, AND mix with finest group of men and women anywhere! It's truly a great day. If you've been in the past, come back. And if you haven't been there, you missed something awesome!

Call **Ron or Marilyn** at (707) 938-4937. Bringing an RV for parking? They need to know! Chicken or steak? They need to know! Tickets for the Friday night wine tasting? They need to know! Please call them ASAP!

We meet for lunch at "Friends" on May 11th, then July 13th, then September 14th, and so on. Most exLAPDers are odd anyway! So you and I should be able to remember—ODD!

And of course we'll still be telling everyone about all of you LAPDers that visit us from all over the U.S.A. from time to time. And where our SABLA people are going.

We'll still be here. Don't forget our SABLA mailbox. Just remember, odd months, AND Christmas!

Come break bread with us, Thursday, May 11th. Tell a story, have a beer or glass of wine. We've moved our luncheon and we've changed meeting months, but we still have P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. Write to us. Your letter will be read to all!

Don't forget Police Week services, and Memorial Day weekend services in honor of all our military veterans. Both groups have kept us free!

Be good to each other out there. We need and love each and every one of you.

More Retirement News on next page

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The Los Angeles Police Department Announces A ...
2 for 1 Retirement Dinner
 Honoring **POLICEMAN 3+1**

DAN ELEFANTE
#17272
DEVONSHIRE PATROL

Friday
 April 21st 2000

@ Canoga Park
 Elks Lodge
 20925 Osborne St.
 Canoga Park

1830 hrs - Social Hr
 1930 hrs - Dinner

Ticket Contacts:
 Pam Hovick @ (818) 756-8281 or Paula Elefante @ (818) 756-8501

DAN'S RAP SHEET

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Also Honoring
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The Los Angeles Police Department Announces A ...
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 Honoring **LIEUTENANT**

PAUL WRIGHT
#14426
DEVONSHIRE AREA

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 Honoring **DETECTIVE III**

Gary Fullerton
#20545
LOS ANGELES POLICE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Thursday
 May 11th 2000

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 (at the Golf Course)
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 Encino, CA

1630 hrs - Social
 1800 hrs - Dinner

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Also Honoring
 Gary Morgan

COST: \$25

The Los Angeles Police Department Announces A ...
Retirement Dinner
 Honoring **DETECTIVE I**

EDWARD "EDDIE" MACIEL
#21581
CENTRAL ROBBERY

Thursday
 May 4th 2000

at the
 Police Academy
 Rock Garden
 1880 N. Academy Dr.
 Los Angeles

@ 1630 Hours

Cost: \$25

Ticket Contacts:
 Colleen Twomey @ (213) 485-2671 or Mary Lopez (213) 473-7488

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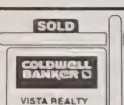


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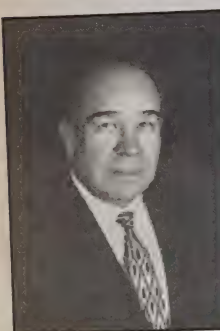
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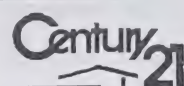


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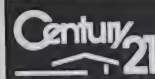
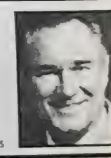
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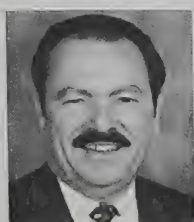
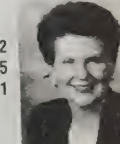
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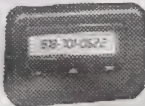
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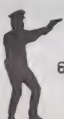


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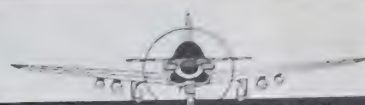
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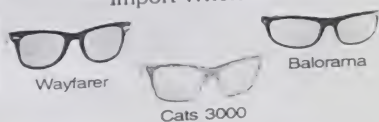


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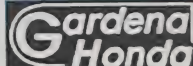
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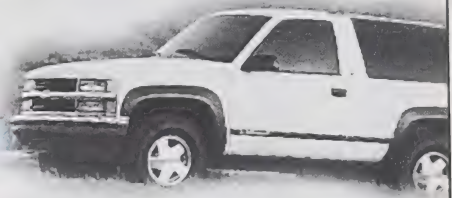
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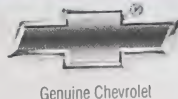
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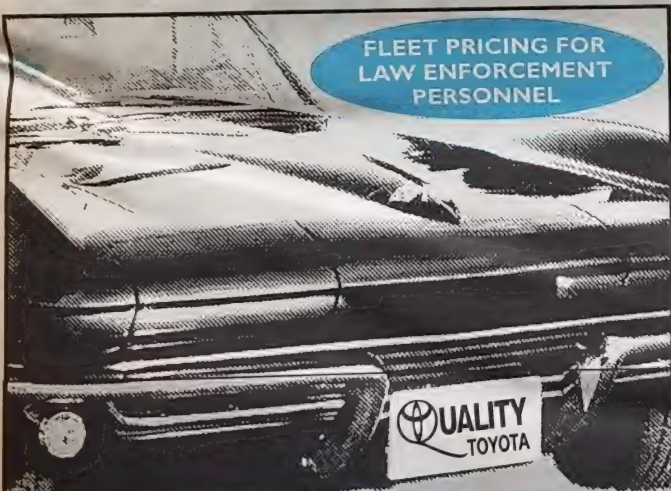
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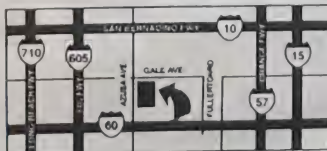
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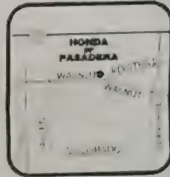
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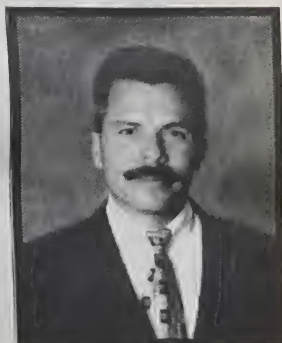
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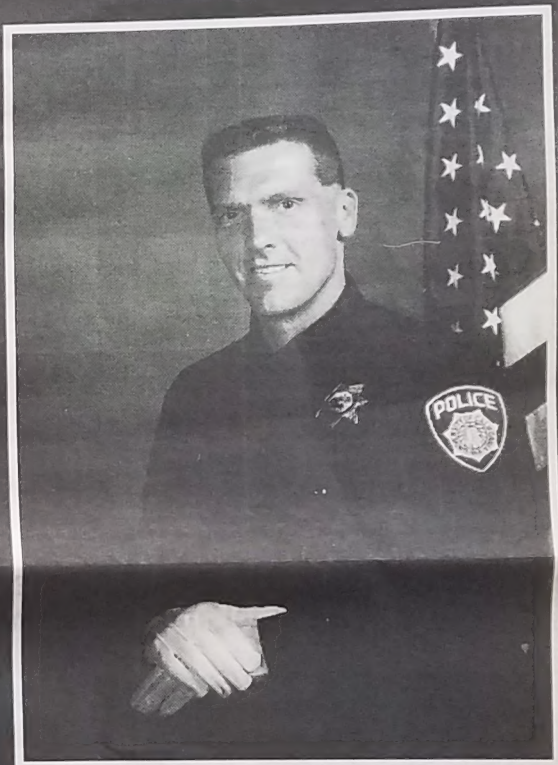
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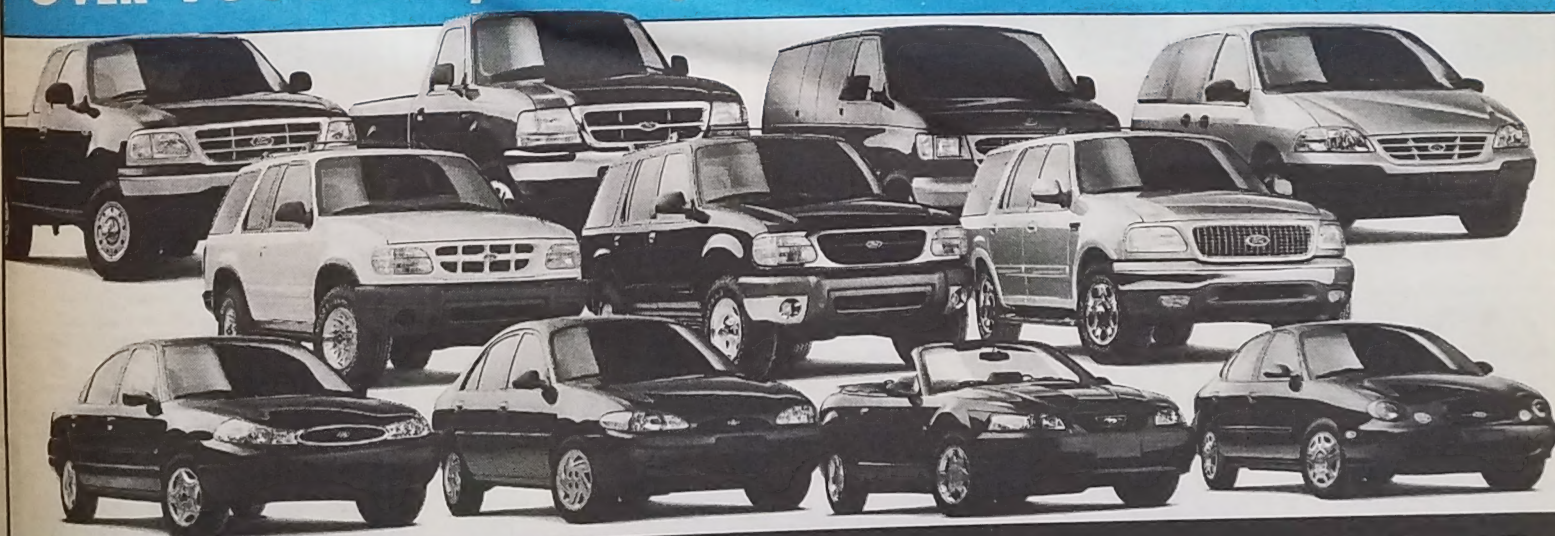
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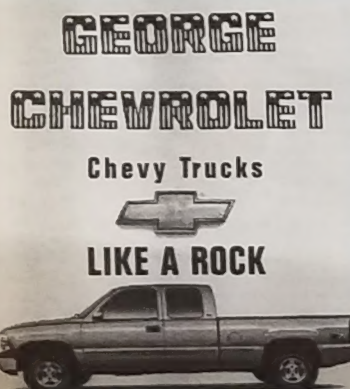
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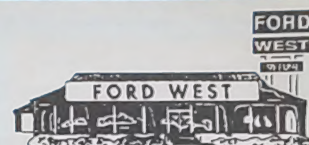
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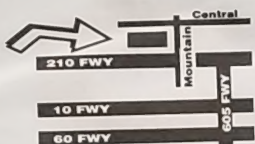


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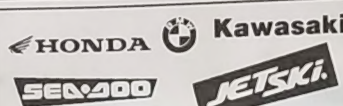


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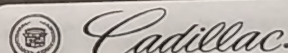
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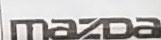
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